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American Legion offers land for Greenwood office

By ALISON ALOISIO

Jackson-Silver Legion Post 68 has offered to donate a plot of land adjacent to its hall for a new Greenwood Town Office.

Selectmen discussed the offer Tuesday at their regular meeting.

For the past two years a Building Committee has been researching options for either renovating the current, century-old office on the Bird Hill Road or building a new one there or elsewhere.

The current office has mold and other problems, and after officials determined extensive work would be required to remedy them, that option was ruled out.

Town Manager Kim Sparks said that last week she, the committee, Selectman Arnie Jordan and

Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman looked at the Legion site on the Gore Road. An office could be built on the right side of the hall (looking from the road), Sparks said.

The structure could either be attached to the Legion Hall or separate from it.

If built as an addition, there would likely be fewer town requirements for a permit, said Sparks. But fire insurance could be more expensive because of the connection between the buildings.

With a free-standing building, a separate septic system might be needed, she said, but an addition could likely share the Legion's system.

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Newry selectman issues ultimatum

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry Selectman Brooks Morton Monday described to the board what he saw as too little transparency in town government and too much government interference in the lives of Newry residents.

He then called for a citizen commission to study the possible creation of a town charter to guide town business in the future.

A town charter may outline duties and responsibilities of town officials, as well as procedures for town business. By state law selectmen or townspeople (by petition) can initiate a process to establish a commission to study and draw up such a document, to be voted on by residents.

Morton said the board

needed to set up a charter commission on its own or it would be forced to do so by a petition.

"This is basically an ultimatum," Morton said.

Last week he sent selectboard Chairman Wendy Hanscom, Selectman Gary Wight and Town Administrator Loretta Powers an e-mail outlining his concerns about the current conduct of town business, listing government interference, a lack of transparency and a lack of accountability as the key issues. (See Page 3 for e-mail.)

On Monday he went into more detail.

For example, said Morton, too many decisions made by the board are by consensus, rather than a formal vote.

"Under a consensus system, any dissent is never

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Gilead school budget, state aid to decline

By ALISON ALOISIO

Most of the discussion at Saturday's Gilead town meeting focused on a topic that wasn't even on the warrant—the school budget.

Two dozen residents turned out for Saturday's annual meeting and added \$5,000 to the Fire Department budget, but otherwise passed as recommended the other articles.

SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy attended to explain as best he could an anticipated budget for which there are not yet solid state aid figures.

"It's an incomplete picture," he said.

While the school budget is expected to drop to about \$261,000 from last year's \$290,000, state aid is expected to decline also, to around \$19,000 from \$60,000.

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PUBLIC MEETING

The Committee for
Sign Ordinance Reform
Invites You to Attend

April 15th 5:30 – 6:30PM

Crescent Park School

Proposed Roadside

Directional Sign

Ordinance presented

by the CSOR

& Consultant

David Raphael,

LandWorks



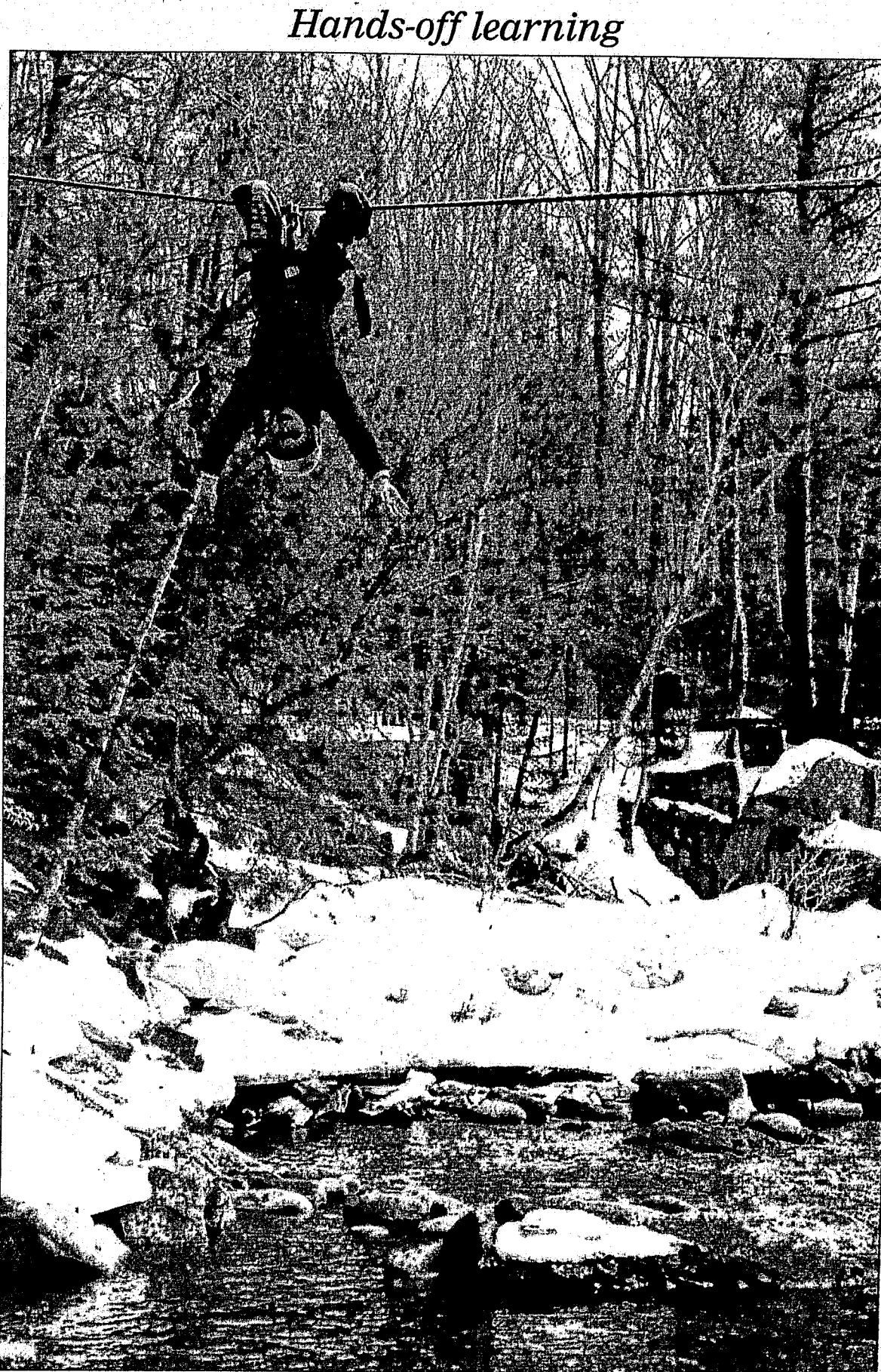
SAD #44 is undertaking it's annual search for prospective Kindergarten students. Any child who will be five (5) years of age on or before October 15, 2013, is eligible to enter Kindergarten for the 2013-2014 school year.

If you have a prospective Kindergarten student in your household, please call the appropriate school with your information.

Andover School - 207-392-4381

Crescent Park School - 207-824-3849

Woodstock School - 207-665-2228



Hands-off learning

Chris Hayward, parent of a student at the Eddy School in Newry, recently challenged the kids to set up a "z-drag" rope system to allow them to cross Deep Hole in the Bear River. Leading up to the outing last week, he asked them to learn a bit about the system. Hayward then assigned each student a role to play in the setup. They tied off two anchor systems on one tree, and set up two z-drags to put tension in the ropes. As they made their way across and back, they carried a retrieval line and had fun pulling each other back in. Here, Tristen Lilly of Bethel shows his confidence in the system. The project was a good experience in teamwork, said teacher Deb Webster. Said Tristen, "Mr. Hayward did a really good job. I learned how to make a z-drag, and how to work in groups better." (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Across the age spectrum:

Intergenerational reading program at CPS

By ROSABELLE TIFFT
Special to the Citizen

Crescent Park School has a new senior volunteer reading program, thanks to a collaborative effort between CPS and the Bethel Senior Citizens Club.

The one-to-one intergenerational program, between a volunteer and a student in grades two through four, started in early December. The goal of the program is to help

students develop more confidence in their reading skills.

Club Vice President Fran Head, who organized the program, said she got the idea after listening to her fourth-grade grandson read at home and seeing how much he enjoyed the activity.

With the approval of the Bethel Senior Citizens Club as sponsors, she approached Principal Levi

Brown at CPS and received his enthusiastic support. He met with all the teachers involved and they were eager for volunteer help.

With plans in place, five members of the Senior Citizens Club signed up for the new program.

Supt. David Murphy readily approved the new program. "When can you start?" he asked.

Brown set up procedures

for the program to start in December.

Brown coordinates the program with the teachers and tells the office staff who has requested the help of volunteers. The staff greets the volunteers when they sign in and introduces them to the teachers.

Interested senior volunteers apply at the CPS of-

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Bridging generations at Telstar Middle School

By NANCY DAVIS

Community members of all ages are hard at work on projects that will be showcased May 2 at "Bridging the Generations" – also known as "What do your grandparents do all day?"

The event is sponsored by the Western Mountains Senior College.

At the younger end of the age spectrum are mem-

bers of the Telstar Middle School ArtReach class, with teacher Melissa Prescott. Each year, students in the Advanced Art Class at TMS select and design an arts-integrated service-learning project. This year they chose to help and work with seniors in the area. Their website is an ongoing story of how the project is proceeding <http://artreach13.wix.com/2013>.

The site showcases the work connecting youth and elders in the Bethel community. The participants have split into groups with various interests. An example is the Visual Arts Group, which is partnering with the WMSC Art Class to create artwork.

A similar group combines members of the

WMSC Creative Writing class and the Middle School class.

Other displays or live presentations will feature drama, music, technology, gardening, and good food. One group is working on volunteer projects for the future, with youngsters helping seniors in the community.

The Senior Citizens Group of Bethel, celebrating its 50th anniversary year, will also have a display, and some of their members are helping in the planning sessions.

The celebration at Telstar will offer refreshments cooked by seniors and students together. A group of students and elders is planning the menu and cooking project.

WMSC is featuring the event as part of its 10th an-

niversary celebration. It will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Telstar cafeteria.

For more information, visit the blog (<http://wm-sc.blogspot.com/>) or contact Nancy Davis (nancydavis@megalink.net or 381-1110). Future articles under the WMSC heading will provide more information as the plans continue.

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Letters

WHY THE PETITION?

To the Editor:

My purpose in presenting to the Board of Selectmen of Bethel a petition to place on the Warrant of the June 12, 2013 Annual Town Meeting an Article that will rescind Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting is one of fairness and respect.

Have no doubts, the vote of Jan. 30 is legal and binding on all citizens of Bethel and we must live with that result. I do not believe that the residents of Bethel were given the opportunity to hear both sides of a very controversial issue. When it came time for the discussion on the subject only the proponents of the resolution were given the opportunity to speak. However, in attendance were individuals with opposing views, officials from the Portland Montreal Pipe Line and a representative of the Canadian Government. They were prepared to speak but were not given the chance.

It is the matter of fairness and respect that bothers me. The vote may be legal and binding but was it fair? NO! Of course it wasn't. Shoving a single point of view regardless of what it may be down the collective throats of Bethel's citizens isn't fair and it tastes bad. Not allowing the opposition to have their say isn't fair; it's not the democratic way.

In all ways, from its eleventh-hour inclusion on the warrant to the final vote the way Article 3 was handled does not show respect for the residents of Bethel, for the officials of the Portland Montreal Pipe Line, the Canadian Government or others with opposing views. Jan. 30 was a bad day for Bethel. We are better than that.

A grave injustice occurred that evening but it can be corrected. In the petitions being circulated we the voters of Bethel are asking the Board of Selectmen to place on the warrant of the June 12, 2013 Annual Town Meeting a resolution that it will rescind Article 3 of the Jan. 30 Special Town Meeting.

When Article 3 is rescinded the underwriters and proponents of the article may wish to revisit this topic at some future time, and if so it can be discussed in a fair and equitable manner. If Article 3 of the Jan. 30 Special Town Meeting is not rescinded then it will be because of the majority of Bethel voters present at the upcoming June 12 Annual Town Meeting will have voted to keep it on the books. Either way both sides of this issue will have had the opportunity to have their say.

We are a fair and honest people and we do not force our opinions upon others. The vote of Jan. 30 was legal and binding, but it was not fair or honorable and should be rescinded and addressed in an open and equitable manner.

At this point in time I don't know where I stand on the issue of reversing the flow of oil in the Portland Montreal Pipe Line to accommodate transporting oil from Alberta, Canada, through Bethel. Before I make up my mind I want the facts not suppositions, half-truths or distortions coming from either side.

By signing the petition to rescind Article 3 or voting at the Annual Town Meeting for the rescinding of Article 3 Bethel citizens are not taking sides on the issue. They are simply saying "Let's be fair. Let's be honest. Let's let both sides present their cases so that we may make an informed intelligent decision."

Bud Kulik
Bethel

CONSERVATIVE ROUNDTABLE

To the Editor:

In today's political climate, we often feel that our voices are not heard in the din of philosophical correctness. Our elected officials are too frequently unresponsive ideologies more interested in constructing a legacy than in considering the effects of their actions on working people, the people who actually built this country. Legislation is passed before it is read and understood with the promise of disclosure after it becomes law.

Brave men and women who believed in self-reliance and personal responsibility, qualities that too often seem to be in short supply these days, founded our nation. More than likely, these founders would be appalled at what we have become. Nonetheless, there are still those who respect this spirit and seek to keep it alive, and we are looking for like-minded people.

The Woodstock Conservative Roundtable meets regularly and is looking for people who would like to join us. Our next meeting will be held in Bryant Pond on April 7. Those who are interested in attending our meeting are encouraged to contact us at 890-6404.

TL Magee
Bryant Pond

CORRECTIONS

GOULD ACADEMY XC TRAILS-An article in last week's Citizen about cross-country skiing should have said that Gould Academy grooms and maintains its own trails, and that the Bethel Inn trails and Gould trails are not connected. They are adjacent.

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MOLLYCKETT DAYS ALTERNATIVES

To the Editor:

It has always troubled me that the annual event "Mollyckett Days" has no direct, or for that matter, indirect correlation to Native peoples, but I am not surprised that the Town of Woodstock voted down money for this article at Town Meeting last week.

In 2006, I believe, I called the Chamber of Commerce and volunteered to be a part of the yearly gathering for free. Among many other artifacts I have a beautiful deerskin dress made from an original pattern by an Indian woman whose name was Grey Wolf, one of the last Cherokee women who designed these ceremonial dresses. I still wear this garment when I give Native American presentations, and offered to wear or show it during the event. Although my request was apparently considered by the Chamber, I was not included, apparently, because I didn't fill out the paper work. No one ever asked me to participate again.

During that same period I also worked with a Peruvian Indian woman selling beautiful tapestries and baskets to help the women and children of the Andes and Amazon. I did this from my house during the years of 2005 '08, and absorbed shipping/other costs myself even though I could not afford to do so. Nancy Willard and her church did help with expenditures once, but this was a single exception.

One year I asked the Chamber if it would be willing to donate a table at the annual Bethel Art show for the Arpilleras (tapestries) and hand-woven baskets. I hoped to reach a larger audience because each tapestry that was sold (\$35) fed a family of four for a month. My request was turned down.

If money is an issue perhaps the Chamber could investigate less expensive alternatives by turning to some of the local people in the area that are knowledgeable about Native American culture/artifacts for assistance. As many folks know I have Passamaquoddy Indian roots. I have been presenting a program called "Our Native American Heritage" to children and adults throughout the state since 1994. Additionally, I have extensive academic background in both Native American mythology and art. I have spent months in the desert deciphering pictographs and petroglyphs. I have lived with and learned from Native peoples in both North and South America. I have attended their schools and implemented an exchange program between children at the Hebron Elementary School and Amazon children of El Chino village. I have a solid background in Native medicinal remedies.

My point here is that I am a resource. Although I am not a full-blooded Indian it does seem to me that I have some knowledge worth sharing and it disturbs me that funds must be raised to make Mollyckett Days more "authentic" when we have folks around here who, I am sure, would be only too willing to help make this annual event more rewarding without incurring as much expense. I am but one of these people.

Sara Wright
Woodstock

SUPPORTING LOCAL CULTURAL CHANGES

To the Editor:

Last Monday at the Woodstock Town Meeting there was a wide range of reactions to the warrant asking that the town offer financial support for this summer's Molly Ockett Days Festival. Some people expressed heartfelt support for this positive change our local celebration is taking (becoming more respectful and inclusive of native culture). And some resented it as a "tax" although the town's contributions to other causes are not characterized that way.

We are unique in Maine to have a festival honoring a local native woman who was remarkable, cared for her community and was generous with her healing gifts. This gives us the rare opportunity to make visible the ways we are becoming more respectful of native people in Maine. We can honor their culture and begin healing our destructive and devastating history that has created the legacy we have all inherited today.

Not only is Maine watching this transformation, but the entire country is. "Indian Country Today" (a Native American magazine and website) is interested in writing a story about the positive changes our community has made. A reporter is likely to attend Molly Ockett Days.

The warrant did not pass, but I understand there were folks there who would like to support our efforts to create a more inclusive, more culturally historic and more diverse event about a remarkable Abenaki woman.

Please send donations to Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, with Wabanaki Events on the notation line. Address: P.O. Box 1247, Bethel, ME 04217

Thank you if you can help out.

Arla Patch
Bryant Pond

ANOTHER VOICE ON AES

To the Editor:

When I read Leon Akers's letter to the editor concerning 'not us or them' I wanted to thank him and respond, but like so many other times, I got caught up in the busyness of the day and week and never got around to it.

But today, it feels important to find the time to add my voice to others on the subject of Andover's School withdrawal. Like others I found it very frustrating that after the few moments of citizen comments, we were not allowed to speak. I even missed that, because I thought the board meeting still started at 7 p.m.

Like the students in SAD 44, each town in the district is also unique. Andover is really just a small village in a beautiful little valley that is surrounded by some of the most breathtaking vistas and waterfalls in the world. Situated something like an island up here in the hills of western Maine. Yeah, you've got to be a 'little different' to choose to live here, if you know what I mean.

First of all I want to thank the SAD 44 Board for their time and hard work, I know that none of this is easy, and I do appreciate your 'stepping up to the plate,' especially during times like these. I especially want to thank the Andover School Board members, 'Mr. Emery' and I are very proud to see these young fathers, most of them former students, take up the cause for the school district and the town of Andover. Do you know what other communities would do to have that kind of buy in by young fathers, young families and grandparents? It falls in the 'priceless' range.

In that vein, I also want to thank the SAD 44 Board for helping many of us in Andover to define who we are, and what we want for our children and our community going forward. We look at the school as our heart and an extremely vital part of our caring community. We cannot fathom what Andover would look like without a school. And for that, I thank you for helping us ground ourselves into that knowing. May we all be guided with these difficult decisions before us.

Carol Emery
Andover

FIX THE TOWN MEETING

To the Editor:

There is currently a Petition about seeking to null the anti-Tar Sands Oil Resolution recently voted in. It requests another meeting and vote, I believe that to be a mistake for important reasons: 1. It does nothing to correct the problems that arose at the meeting, i.e. deeply flawed process; 2. We must correct the problems evident in the conduct of that meeting before having another meeting also potentially flawed; 3. It was evident the Resolution would have passed regardless of the 'deficiencies' in the process. It's best to correct the problem now.

Several Bethel citizens sent a letter to our Select Board requesting action to form a committee to review and recommend changes to rules for Conduct Of Town Meetings. It should appear in the Citizen this week. It seeks the following objectives:

Ensure open nomination of Moderators well in advance of the meeting, allowing for adequate preparation;

Require that the Moderator: a. Have skills and preparation to conduct the meeting; b. Present all relevant rules with sufficient explanation to properly equip voters; and c. Disallow "calling the question" before speakers (for and against the motion) are properly heard.

Add items at the discretion of the Town Meeting Rules Committee.

The request was for the Bethel Board of Selectmen to initiate the action at their earliest opportunity. Our sincere desire is to ensure high quality in every aspect of our civic processes and citizen support will be vitally important.

Seabury Lyon
Bethel

SPAGHETTI CHALLENGE THANKS

To the Editor:

I raised \$503 at my Spaghetti Sauce Challenge. I would like to present to you the winner: Rooster's Roadhouse. Mill Hill Inn and the Brew Pub tied for second. I could not have accomplished this without the help of many people: Mrs. Nivus of the Good Food Store (my mentor), all the donors: Roosters, Mill Hill, Brew Pub, The Good Food Store, Sudbury Inn, Matterhorn 22 Broad Street, Crossroads, Pat's Pizza, the Phoenix, No View Farm, and Country Kitchen, and all of my helpers: Aneah Bartlett, Claire Webster, Doug Webster, Deb Webster, Bud Kulik, Lynne Kulik, and Judy Webster. I will be presenting this money (plus \$100 more I raised last year selling handmade bracelets) to the Kora Shrine on Sunday, April 7. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

Cassidy Webster
Newry

"Celladore" can be found on Page 16 this week.

Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: At their annual town meeting, Greenwood voters unanimously approved a new Comprehensive Plan.

Gilead highway commissioner Ted Taylor retired after 32 years of service.

Deaths: Gwendolyn Wilson, Colista L. Cogswell, Dorothy C. Wilson, Michael Gregory Casper, Winifred B. Faulkner, Alan Stuart Abbott.

20 years ago: Bethel Inn and Country Club hired Lettie Trespasz as head golf pro and director of instruction at the Guaranteed Performance School of Golf.

Birth: Michael John Packard.

Death: Dorothy Hanscom Jones

30 years ago: Peter and Patricia Callioras purchased the Locke Mills Food Center from Raymond and Alita Prada.

The Gould Academy Drama Group, under the direction of Mrs. Carol Fiske, was rehearsing for their production of "West Side Story."

Births: Spencer Elliot Tyler, Desiree Elizabeth Morgan.

Death: Mrs. Helen A. Angevine.

40 years ago: About 10 inches of wet snow fell in the Bethel area causing interruptions in electrical service and hazardous traveling conditions.

The children of David and Myra Foster hosted an open house at the East Bethel Grange Hall in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Deaths: Mrs. Charlotte Dorr Fillebrown, Miss Isabella L. Smith, Mrs. Mildred C. Swan.

50 years ago: Miss Ida M. Packard retired from her work as Bethel postmaster after 45 years of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Ernst sold "The New Yorker" property in Mayville to James and Mary Louise Fiske of Alvin, Texas.

Births: Tina Marie Hutchins, Sherri Lea Gunther, Dorothy Carolyn Mills.

60 years ago: The Androscoggin River went on its wildest rampage since 1936, following three days of rainfall. Rising water forced families from their homes, flooded roads and halted train and bus service.

The Brown Company had day and night crews blasting ice that came down the river above Errol Dam.

Deaths: Elton L. Dunham, Edward Billings.

70 years ago: Mrs. Constance Alger received word that her son Lt. Col. James D. Alger was a prisoner of war of the German government.

Edmund Smith was chosen by the Maine Farm Bureau Federation to head the State Farm Bureau.

Deaths: Rev. David E. Burnham, Mrs. Kalle Polvinen, William Richardson.

80 years ago: A barn belonging to Dr. W. R. Chapman, which set between the barber shop and Dr. R. R. Tibbetts, collapsed from the weight of snow.

The Bluebird Orchestra broadcasted from station WCSH, Portland.

Deaths: Mrs. Elsie Jackson, Mrs. Lila Knight, Maurice Bicknell, Mrs. Lynn Rowe.

90 years ago: Robert D. Hanscom was elected secretary and treasurer of the senior class at Bowdoin College. He was elected to hold this office for life.

Plans were formulated for physical examinations for the pupils at Gould Academy at stated periods during the year.

Deaths: Mrs. Mae R. Bartlett, Dr. Harry R. Faris.

100 years ago: E.H. Young installed a Landis leather sewing machine in his harness shop.

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Brooks Morton's e-mail

Note: Newry Selectman Brooks Morton sent the following e-mail to other selectmen last week. The agenda item listed by Town Administrator Loretta Powers was "Brooks' suggestions."

The last item on our next agenda was listed as "Brooks Suggestions." Let me be clear so you know firsthand my intentions are not simple suggestions. It is action we must take with only two options. Hold that thought and I will summarize here and explain in more detail when we meet April 1.

It has been a year since I began my service as a fellow Selectman in our beloved Town of Newry. It is a job I did not really want. Nevertheless I answered the call when elected by the People. I took an oath to uphold the duties of this office and the Constitution of this State So Help Me God! I do not take oaths lightly, so I strive to uphold that promise by studying the Maine Constitution and Maine Statutes as it pertains to Municipal law. This day I have more questions than answers. My biggest question is how is the Town Business being conducted?

Did you wonder on the night of the special Town Meeting in 2011 when "We The People" packed the house to defeat the Conservation Commission, what were the people saying?

What was the message at Town Meeting 2012 when "We The People" elected a new selectman?

Why did "We The People" get motivated to defeat the Scenic Byway effort that was brought before the town?

Why was there so much of a "buzz" during and after Town Meeting this year? Do you think that, "We The People" would soon get over it? If we take no action do you think the concerns will go away?

These are the questions I have wrestled with because I know that issues suppressed and not understood do not go away.

I will not make the mistake in doubting the intelligence of "We The People." As an elected official I wish not be found guilty of dereliction of duty.

Here is what I see as underlying issues.

- (1) Too Much Government interference,
- (2) Lack of Transparency and
- (3) a lack of Accountability has led to a general loss of confidence and trust in our local government.

In the past 30 years we have been mandated to inventory, through comprehensive planning, every acre of the peoples' land, to regulate through ordinance every land use and control through code enforcement every action a landowner does to insure compliance.

While "We The People" were directed and regulated into compliance, "We the Government" became more secretive and less accountable.

We have grown as a town and transitioned into the situation that we find ourselves in today. A town managed by non-elected officials trained and guided by non-government organizations.

It's time to inventory and control our Local Government's Mode of Operation.

I call on the selectmen to establish a Town Charter Commission.

A charter is necessary to establish sound municipal government. It also would provide elected municipal officers with needed guidance on how town business is conducted.

A charter organizes a lot of things into one document and makes (town business) more transparent.

Charters are extremely important to municipalities. It allows the town to establish its own procedures and guidelines rather than, in some cases, having to follow state law. Or, in our case, fly by the seat of our pants with no bylaws or procedures.

A charter could also allow the town to adopt a different form of government - such as a town Manager or board of selectmen consisting of more than three individuals.

It gives the town opportunity to establish its own government in a way it wouldn't otherwise be allowed if you didn't have a charter."

The way to get it started is spelled out for us in Maine Law.

<http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/30-A/title30-Ach111sec0.html>

Chapter 2102 sec. 1. would be the wise route to take. It allows the selectmen by order to provide for the establishment of a Charter Commission. If we choose not to deal with this issue then we will be forced to deal with 2102 sec. 2 which gives the people the right to petition if they so choose.

I hope that I have conveyed clearly enough that I am not making a mere suggestion. As I see it we have two options. Either we take the lead and start this conversation as Elected Officials or be forced to address it by the will of "We the People."

Newry

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recorded," he said. "A consensus is not necessarily unanimous."

Hanscom said much of the board's business involves discussion and doesn't require a vote, and voting on everything could be cumbersome. But, she said, a selectman can make a motion at any time.

Morton made a motion to conduct business under Robert's Rules of Order, which, he noted, the town's Planning Board uses.

But the vote was a tie with Wight abstaining because he said he was not familiar enough with the issue to decide.

Hanscom, who also moderates town meetings in other towns, said, "It makes it difficult to get too technical with three people."

She said she wasn't sure how to proceed with the tie vote, saying she would have to look up the procedure, "since we weren't really operating that way anyway."

"This is my point," said Morton.

"Well, this is my point," said Hanscom. "It wasn't this complicated before. We could have said, well, let's reconsider."

They eventually voted to table it until Wight could become more familiar with the process.

Morton went on to say that Newry residents were first closed out of the democratic process in 1999, when, he said, 65 people asked for a public hearing on a Route 26 Scenic Byway management plan proposal and were denied by selectmen. "The people were denied and it's been a slope down ever since," he said.

Checks and balances

Morton also said Powers' position has been given too much leeway in decision-making and responsibilities.

Several people in the audience of nine asked about checks and balances in financial matters.

Powers and her predecessor, Sylvia Gray, told them the town books are reviewed by a professional auditor annually, as required by law.

Gray also said when she held the position Morton had come into the office "and thought I was hiding this and that. Nothing was ever hidden in the town office."

Gray added that Newry

went to a town administrator form of government 20 years ago because running a town was becoming more complex. She said the selectmen serve as an executive board, while Powers carries out the day-to-day business.

"I think you need to recognize where your job stops, and someone else's begins," she told Morton.

Morton replied that a charter "would put me in my place."

Town report

Morton also said Newry's town report does not provide enough detail about town spending.

He said that last month's town meeting was the first occasion in 20 years that people knew the salaries of town employees, after a citizen requested the information.

"That upset a lot of people," said Morton.

Resident Bob Lowell said he had looked back at old town reports and they contained more detail than the newer ones.

Powers said people wanting to know such information are welcome to come to the town office and ask.

But, said Morton, they shouldn't have to.

Resident Fred Burk added that he would not want to have to do that, and in the past he had simply consulted the town report.

Dave Berry agreed. The more information that can be provided, he said, the fewer questions town officials would get.

Hanscom agreed. "I think we hear that," she said.

Resident Roger Wheeler described his perspective. "We may notice little things like the town report that doesn't report what it previously reported, or some little thing that affects us personally, and until somebody - and usually it's an elected official, like a Brooks, or somebody - comes forward with a cumulative agenda saying what about this and what about that, and then talks to some citizens. So we aren't here throwing stones and accusing anybody. It's an informational thing. Brooks's brought it to our attention what he sees as some shortcomings in our government and we're here, at least I am, saying, 'What's going on? It's not an accusation, it's not finger-pointing. Let's see what people have to say.'"

Gray pressed Morton on

whether he was issuing an ultimatum.

He said he was. "I will use whatever means I need to, either as a selectman - I would vote to be proactive and start [the commission process]. If the selectmen don't want to do it, I'm prepared to go door to door like I've done many times before and push the issue, because it needs to be brought to the front."

Morton also said he wasn't comfortable building budgets, and signing warrants at each meeting to pay bills, when the information was presented only by general categories.

And he questioned a statement made in the current town audit that he said seemed to imply information on transactions between town funds was missing.

He re-iterated that his comments were not personal.

"It feels it, just to be honest with you, because it's my job and nobody has ever asked for anything different than what they've got," said Powers.

She also said she provides details on the warrants and other documents anytime the board wants them.

Govt. interference

As for government interference, Morton gave the example of an increasing number of town ordinances that he said are restricting landowner rights. The limitations, he said, should be placed on the government.

"What's good for the people is good for the government," said Morton. "It's not that the government is doing anything wrong. It's the people holding the government accountable."

Morton also noted Newry voters' rejection last year of participating in a new state review of the Scenic Byways management plan.

Hanscom reminded Morton that the board had voted against participation early in the Byways process, only to join it again at Morton's urging.

He said that was because he learned the process was going to go forward anyway without Newry, and he wanted the town to have a say.

Morton said what is happening at a local level is similar to developments at the national level.

"Our Constitution is under attack," he said, by people looking to "tweak the Constitution to rob

people of their rights."

Some at the meeting wondered if the concerns in Newry could be addressed without entering a formal Charter Commission process, which Morton estimated could take up to a year.

Hanscom said in typical cases Maine towns adopt them so they can elect a mayor, change an elections process or establish a means to recall selectmen.

She suggested the board instead continue to identify specific areas they could address without going the commission route, at least for now.

Morton said he still favored the charter process as the means to improve procedures, even though the recommendation at the end might be against actually adopting one. But he agreed to continue with board work sessions on the issue for now.

The board also made changes to the process of setting the agenda for board meetings. They agreed to Morton's request that more material on agenda items be sent by e-mail before the meeting, to allow time for review. He also asked that meetings start with a prayer and the flag salute. Hanscom said some people might object to a prayer, but she saw no reason not to include the salute.

In other business Monday the board voted against supporting a resolution submitted by Cathy Newell opposing parts of Gov. Paul LePage's budget proposal, including revenue sharing and general assistance funds to towns. Powers said Newry would not be affected much because the town receives little revenue and no general assistance.

They also voted to table an item requested by Fire Chief Bruce Pierce regarding pay for a firefighter enrolled in a training course.

The board agreed several months ago to pay such firefighters after Pierce brought the issue to them. Hanscom said he was again looking for their input regarding the issue.

But Morton said the board would be micromanaging the NFD by getting involved, and Pierce had the authority to make a decision. The board meets next April 16 at 7 a.m.

(For a photo of the meeting see Page 13.)

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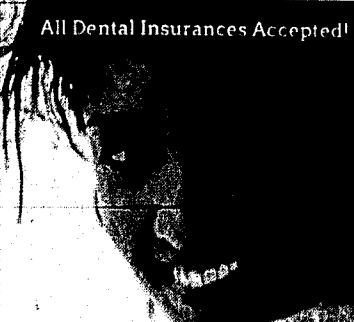
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fice and complete an SAD 44 form, which allows background checks and provides pertinent information on all volunteers.

Meg Steven, Title I Reading, gives all volunteers an orientation, emphasizing the need to be positive and encouraging to the students and to maintain confidentiality. Steven is also very enthused about the program. She has high praise for the volunteers and said it's important for the senior generation to be invested in the youth.

Head coordinates the team of senior volunteers, which include, in addition to Head, Arlene Lowell, Sandra Gunther, Elizabeth Gilbert, Denise Swan, and Linda Taylor. Two more seniors are expected to start soon. Head maintains a schedule with one or two volunteers going to CPS on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 to 10 a.m.

All senior volunteers agree that they are getting as much out of the program as the children do. Because some of the kids do not have grandparents in the area, volunteers may serve as "foster grandparents." Gina Lavoie, one of the second grade teachers, said all her kids "love having the Grammys visit and are

excited to see who goes to read first."

Head said the teachers do not always have the time to listen to each student read aloud.

"The teachers really appreciate our help and I feel we're doing something with kids that is very rewarding for us," she said. The kids feel very special when I listen to them read. It's a joy to be around them."

Other volunteers and teachers echo Head's comments. Elizabeth Gilbert said, "The kids enjoy it as much as we do. I got a hug from a little girl last week."

Second grade teacher Alice Lee said, "The kids love it. It gives them extra reading practice reading one-to-one and gives them a good boost of confidence."

Volunteer Denise Swan believes the practice of reading aloud to someone is very helpful to the students.

Jacqueline DeLallo, another second grade teacher, agrees that just having someone else listen to the kids reading is very worthwhile.

Sandra Gunther, a retired bus driver after 40 years and volunteer, said she "just loves kids." She added, "I enjoy being part

of this program and am totally amazed at how young the kids are learning their grammar along with so many complicated words. It means so much to me to listen to them and know they are doing so well."

Brown said he is very impressed with the interest and success of the program. He said, "Fran and the senior citizen volunteers are a great asset to our school. Our kids look forward to their visits each week. The more opportunities our students have to read aloud, the more confident readers they become. We owe a debt of gratitude to Fran Head for being the driving force behind this important opportunity."

Arlene Lowell, volunteer, enjoys the program and encourages anyone interested to give it a try. Head is anxious to talk with any senior interested in joining the program. She emphasized that volunteers do not have to be members of the Bethel Senior Citizens Club.

"If we are able to recruit more volunteers," she said, "we can be more helpful to teachers in the reading program and may also be able to expand to helping with math and spelling."

Anyone interested may call Head at 207-824-2214.

Gilead

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The drop in state aid is likely attributable to an increase in town valuation and a drop in student enrollment, he said. The student population is estimated to be in the low 30s for next year.

He also said there may be more expenses pushed on to towns by the state, such as a share in the cost of teacher retirement.

Last year the town raised \$229,931 toward the school budget. This year an estimated \$239,245 would need to be raised to qualify for the \$19,000 from the state, said Murphy.

He said there should be some carryover funds from the current school

year budget that can be used next year.

The school budget will be voted on at a separate meeting later.

Fire department
Voters approved an additional \$5,000 for the Fire Department budget over the \$16,000 recommended by selectmen. Some funds were also carried forward from last year.

Newly-appointed Chief Randy Grondin of Bethel requested the additional \$5,000 to update gear and equipment for firefighters. Grondin officially took over the position Monday, replacing Ken Cole, who served 26 years. Gilead firefighters expressed

their appreciation for the years he gave to the town. In election of town officials, Selectman Steve McLain was returned to office unopposed for three years. Ann Choquette and Nikki Petillo were also re-elected to the School Committee unopposed for three- and one-year terms, respectively.

With the change to the Fire Department budget, the total municipal is now \$213,415, according to Town Clerk Lin Chapman. That's down \$66,358 from last year.

The 38-minute meeting was moderated by Paul Handlen.



SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy, left, explains the tentative Gilead school budget to voters at Saturday evening's town meeting. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Wider, paved shoulders planned for Route 26 stretch

By ALISON ALOISIO

Local cyclists will likely be pleased with a Maine Department of Transportation plan to pave 2.8 miles of Route 26 just south of Bethel Village this summer.

The project will include paving each shoulder six feet wide in places where the shoulder is currently unpaved, according to Doug Coombs, the project manager for MDOT.

The stretch of road, to be overlaid with 1.25 inches of pavement, reaches from near the Taylor Smith Road north to the Alder River Bridge, he said.

Bids for the work will be advertised in mid-May. Paving is expected to take place between early July and September.

The estimated cost is between \$1.3 million, Coombs said.

Another project scheduled in the area is the rehabilitation of Route 232. Plans call for a recycled asphalt base, with surface paving with a hot mix, he said.

The estimated \$1.8 million project will extend 9.1 miles from Route 26 to just before the Martin Memorial Bridge at Rumford Point. Work will take place in a timeframe similar to the Route 26 project.



Ethan Hart and Jakob Hooper from Jacqueline DeLallo's class take turns reading reading with volunteer Denise Swan. (Photo: R. Tiff)



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Most of us heard about Punxsutawney Phil's prediction on Ground Hog Day that there would be an early spring.

Apparently Phil got a little confused. Perhaps his eyesight is going and he couldn't see his shadow even if it was there. Maybe he isn't afraid of his shadow any longer and didn't think it was such a big deal.

Whatever the case, Phil was wrong and there has been more snow, in some parts of the country quite a bit. The temperature has been below normal even dipping into the teens at night. The signs of spring, other than the sale of Girl Scout cookies seems to still be in hibernation.

Because of the weather conditions and spring seeming quite allusive, some people are really angry with Punxsutawney Phil. Even the good citizens of Gobbler's Knob, Phil's hometown, are quite upset with him. Bill Deeley, Phil's handler is very concerned with threats and said security precautions have been put in place to protect Phil.

It's not just Gobbler's Knob people who are less than happy with the furry rodent. Nasty things have been said about him on Facebook and Twitter. The poor little guy just isn't very popular these days.

And, if angry people are not enough, Mike Gmoser, Prosecutor for the state of Ohio has

issued an indictment against Phil. The charge is misrepresentation of spring, a felony "against the peace and dignity of the state of Ohio."

Now, I ask you, how much dignity is there for a state that they would put that much faith in a prediction made by a rodent?

Poor Phil

When Gmoser was asked what the penalty was for such a felony charge he responded, "Death!" Where in heck are PETA and the ASPCA now that Phil needs them?

What Prosecutor Gmoser is not saying through all of this is that Ohio has its own spring predicting ground hog named Buckeye Chuck who didn't see his shadow either. That's just not fair!

Fear not for Punxsutawney Phil because Bill Deeley has taken the blame for the false prediction because he says he incorrectly interpreted Phil's "groundhogese." Because good old Bill is willing to take the rap for Phil, Gmoser is planning to drop the charges against the famous woodchuck. He has not said if he will then charge Bill Deeley and if so if the "death" penalty would still stand.

I wonder what the

German immigrants, who created Ground Hog Day in this country would think about all of this. It took them a while to get used to the ground hog to begin with because in Germany they depended on the badger for their spring forecast. They couldn't find any badgers in Pennsylvania, but they were an abundance of ground hogs.

A lot of pressure has been placed on Phil over the years and I think that's a bit unfair. Phil, Buckeye Chuck and any other ground hog does not come out of hibernation to predict when spring will arrive. They wake up hungry and feeling a bit randy so they go in search of food and a mate, not necessarily in that order.

If the weather has been warm and food and loving is available, the ground hog will be happy and stay above ground. If it's cold and snowy and they can't satisfy either appetite they go back in their burrow and go to sleep until the weather is better. Just maybe the furry little creatures are a bit smarter than us humans.

The reality is that spring will come when it comes to Maine and Ohio and anywhere else. Punxsutawney Phil and even Buckeye Chuck have no more control over that than I do. And, the way I see it, if spring doesn't come pretty soon it would be real nice to crawl into a burrow and sleep until it does.

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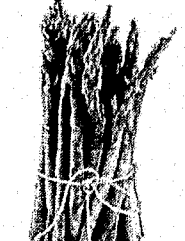
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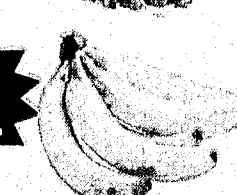
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Greenwood

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Selectmen said, however, that having a separate septic plan on file in the event the Legion system failed might suffice.

Sparks said the Building Committee was scheduled to meet yesterday (Wednesday) and next Wednesday, and would compile a list of pros and cons for the two options, with costs, to bring to selectmen at their April 16 meeting.

Selectboard Chair Fred Henderson said he thought that "in the long run it would be better to have a separate building."

The town has budgeted \$130,000 from the undesignated surplus fund for the building project, Sparks said.

She said no lot size has yet been determined. The proposal will be brought to the May 18 annual town meeting.

Sparks said later the town was contacted recently by Legion Commander Wayne Hakala about the land offer, and town officials met with the Legion board.

A public hearing on the building issue will take place April 23 at 5 p.m.

Mollyockett funds
In other business Tuesday, the board decided to add to the town meeting warrant an article asking if residents wish to raise \$1,038 to help support the Mollyockett Days festival in Bethel.

The funds are requested by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, which organizes the annual celebration. BACC is changing the event to make it more respectful of Native Americans, and also wants to draw in the larger region where the Native American Mollyockett lived in the 1800s.

The plans call for more involvement by native peoples and their art, music and other culture, in order to make them more visible and a part of the larger community. But that plan

is more expensive, and support is being sought from Bethel and other area towns in the form of \$1.25 per person per town, collected through taxes.

"It is a fact that a lot of people from this town go to Mollyockett Days," said Selectman Amy Chapman. Jordan was skeptical of raising the money.

"I guess I'm not completely against that, but I think I disagree in that we can't afford the added amount that they're asking for. And I'm not sure I agree completely with the way they're trying to change the meaning of Mollyockett Days," he said. "I don't think past Mollyockett Days were that far out of line and I didn't think it showed any disrespect for Mollyockett the person."

"Now they're trying to tie this in with the Indians not getting respect in the past, and the fact that the state at some point took their children away from them, I don't condone that in any way, but I don't know that that's a reason to change the whole meaning of Mollyockett Days."

Chapman said her initial reaction had been similar to Jordan's. But she then offered selectmen an analogy to a celebration of an African-American person in which the tradition might be to dress up in ways that would be offensive to people of that heritage.

"You have to put yourself in their place and if there are people who feel offended, or feel that their culture was totally disrupted by the government, and if this reminds them of it and they feel offended by it, then I think you have to at least take that into consideration," she said. "Just because you assume something might be OK, it might not be."

"I'm not against taking it to town meeting," said Jordan. "I'm not going to

recommend we pay the full price."

Wind ordinance
Selectmen decided against placing a proposal for a commercial wind ordinance on the town meeting warrant for this year. The Planning Board has been crafting such a document, but the selectmen agreed to ask planners to study the wind ordinance recently approved in Woodstock for comparison.

Jordan said he did not think Greenwood's current draft is nearly as strict as Woodstock's regarding the setback (one mile) to abutting properties.

"I'm wondering if ours is as strict as it should be," he said.

Sparks said the Planning Board "wasn't trying to prevent [turbines] from going up. They just want to get some regulations around commercial ones, that with the possibility of them going up, there'd be some regulation."

Chapman said, "I hope people wouldn't just go for [the current Greenwood proposal] assuming that the Planning Board thinks this is all we need, and then be unhappy because it doesn't prevent something."

Sparks said later a proposal would be brought to a future town meeting.

Other actions
Other actions taken at Tuesday's meeting included: denying a request to build a canoe rack on a pond out of concern about liability and vandalism; approving a name change for Duguay Lane to Rocky Lane; supporting a resolution opposing Gov. Paul LePage's budget (which would reduce revenue sharing and other funds to towns); scheduling a public hearing on the proposed municipal budget for April 23 (to coincide with the building hearing); and dedicating the annual town report to Wayne and Anita Hakala.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Although we're well into mud season, winter sports are not over yet. I found

enough snow in the woods on Easter Sunday to do a little snowshoeing. The ice on the bogs had thinned and didn't support my weight. Many of the fields and banks along the roadways are free of snow. In a few days skunk cabbages will be pushing their way up through the snow and ice. Watch for the first wildflowers of the spring along the roadways: bluebells, myrtles, and violets will be blooming within the next two weeks.

The next few weeks, the local ski areas are offering excellent spring skiing events. Saturday, April 6, is customer appreciation day at Mt. Abram Ski Resort. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. lift tickets will be \$15. April 5-7 is the Parrothead Festival at Sunday River. Along with the skiing, the

festival offers music, food, drink, and other special activities.

Two important events are coming up this week. This Saturday, April 6, there will be a benefit for Judy Buck Lamontagne at the West Bethel Grange Hall from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Judy had a stroke in December and the funds will help with much-needed expenses. The benefit includes a potluck dinner, door prizes, and a Chinese auction. The cost is \$5; \$2.50 for children 8 years old and under.

Thursday, April 11, the To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College will present "Good Mind - Good Mood." Four panelists will discuss maximizing good health and happiness as we age. The panelists are Lynn Arizzi, "Music Makes the Soul Soar," Janet Willie, "Staying Positive: Maintaining Connections through Movement," Cathi DiCocco, "Feed Your Mind and Manage Your Moods," and Ellen Crocker, "Homework for Old Age: What's the As-

ignment Now?" The program is from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church on Church Street in Bethel. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053. The program is a collaborative effort of To Your Health, Bethel Family Health Center, and MSAD 44 Continuing Education. If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



I hope everyone had a nice Easter. My grandkids enjoyed their egg

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Tuesday, March 26

At 10:16 p.m. two subjects from Greenwood confronted another subject on Mill Hill Road regarding an alleged crime that occurred in Greenwood. An altercation occurred. One subject was issued a disorderly conduct warning and the group was referred back to Greenwood to meeting with the State Police, who handled the initial complaint.

Wednesday, March 27

At 4:55 p.m. a caller reported suspicious people taking photos of her residence. It was later found the subjects were from the complainant's bank.

Thursday, March 28

At 10:18 a.m. a report was received of a tractor trailer operating erratically on Route 26. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

At 11:53 a.m. a caller reported an assault on Vernon Street but then told Deputy Willie Nelson he did not want anything done about it.

Friday, March 29

At 12:31 p.m. on Main Street Cpl. Chancey Libby arrested Josh Gaudreau for a traffic offense.

Saturday, March 30

At 3:06 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland and Deputy George Cayer responded to Railroad Street for a report of a subject in medical distress locked in a bathroom.

At 7:08 a.m. Deputy Dani Welch responded to Grover Hill Road to dispatch a deer that had been struck by a car. A deer tag was issued.

Sunday, March 31

At 12:19 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey responded to Evergreen Road for a dog complaint. The information was forwarded to the animal control officer.

Monday, April 1

At 11:50 a.m. a report was received that a subject had a child riding on a skateboard with him on Church Street. Deputy Mike Halacy stopped the subject and warned him the child needed safety gear.

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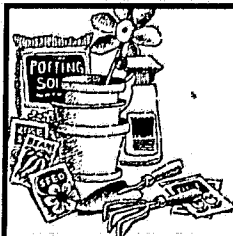
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news and information. Thank you.

The land across the street is being logged. Could it be, that after all these years I end up having a house with a view??

Now to the answer to the Trivia: Eva Bean's grandfather was Francis Cushman Bean and his wife's name was Catherine. They had eight children.

If any of you have an idea for the Trivia, feel free to let me know.

Stop in and see me at the InnSide Shop. We still have, among other things, a lot of decorations. Plus, you never know what you may find in our "free" bin. Happy Spring!

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



There are so many signs of spring that are showing up every day. Lots of spring birds have arrived. The lawn has been covered with Grackles, Starlings, Red-Winged Blackbirds, Cowbirds and now the Robins have arrived.

My brother, Steve McLain, arrived early Saturday to start the wood stove in the Town Hall to warm it up for the Town Meeting that evening.

Alfred Leighton, another selectman, tended the stove during the day and helped set up the chairs for the meeting. He had some help from a couple of his grandchildren.

Mary Tyler called with information on another sign of spring. A little woodchuck appeared at her house. He came out from under the storage shed and checked out the nice weather. He did not come out on Groundhog Day and make any predictions, so no one can blame him for the one that Punxsutawney Phil did.

Hugh and I went out to Easter dinner with some other family members at the Northland's Restaurant and Dairy Bar. Others there were Tim and Michele, and grandchildren, Ajay and Sidney; Michele's parents,

Leo and Ann Croteau; Michele's brother and family, Paul, Tina, Leo, and Paul, Jr. We all had a delicious meal and a great time visiting.

Town Office

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Saturday, March 30, 2013. The town officers must be doing something right since there were only 24 voters who turned out to take action on the 32 articles. Paul Handlen moderated the meeting, listened to comments and questions and still finished the meeting in 38 minutes.

Those elected to the fill the offices: Stephen McLain-three-year term as a selectman, Ann Choquette-three-year term as a school board member and Nikki Petillo-one-year term as a school board member.

There was a total of \$213,415.36 raised. This figure is \$66,358.64 less than last year. Of course, this does not include the school budget. That will be voted on later.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapman@hotmail.com.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



Greenwood Fire Chief Al Curtis Jr. and Woodstock Fire Chief Geoff Inman recently updated the Oxford County Officers about our enhanced mutual aid agreement. This agreement provides daytime fire department coverage weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two firefighters are at one of these stations Monday-Friday. Both Curtis and Inman said the agreement is working well for Greenwood and Woodstock.

An interesting side note to this agreement is that on Wednesdays the on-duty firefighters go to the Woodstock Elementary School and have lunch with the children. Woodstock and Greenwood firefighters alternate these Wednesday lunches. Good way to expose the children



WINNERS-The winning team from the March 24 Firefighters Race at Sunday River Ski Resort: Newry Firefighters Ben Laier, Bryan Head, Andy Peacock, Bethel firefighter Andy Whitney, and Newry Firefighter Robin Nesbada. (Submitted photo)

to the idea of community service.

Discussions continue about the future town office. The building committee members recently looked at a location on property owned by the Legion Hall on the Gore Road. The Legion would give the land to the town in exchange for plowing. This is another option to be considered.

As to the mold/mildew problem at the current town office, I was talking with an environmental engineer I used to work with about this problem. He said he suspected the mold/mildew problem increased significantly after vinyl siding was put on the current building. With the addition of vinyl siding, the building was no longer able to "breathe" well, and this increased the growth of mold and mildew. Makes sense to me.

I ran into a former Greenwood resident who said she hopes whatever happens with a new town office that it will be part of a town complex that is appealing, centrally-located, and includes other community services. It is hard to balance the needs, wants, requirements, and finances of a new town office. If you have ideas and thoughts, please send them to the Greenwood

Selectmen or to Town Manager Kim Sparks.

The sap is still running at Dunham Farm, and they expect to be collecting it through this week. Heard that the sap was running at the rate of 600-plus gallons an hour last Sunday at Bowley Brook Maple Syrup in Weld.

Some of the waterfowl are venturing back up here to small areas of open water. Canada geese are on North Pond. A pair of hooded mergansers as well as mallards have been at the inlet on Round Pond, and an osprey was circling over the Androscoggin River looking for a fish lunch.

The rotting ice on our ponds is turning varying shades of gray, and the pond edges have small open areas. It is the time of year when our thoughts turn to ice out. When will it happen? Likely not this week. Once there are some spots of open water and the ice can blow around and break up, that is when I'll start placing my bet. Third week of April is about as close as I care to guess at this point.

Charlie Newell, who lives on North Pond, shared a bit of ice out perspective with me. He said his notes from March 2012 said that on March 22 last year North Pond was free of ice. He saw a loon there

on April 4. Don't think either of those will occur this year!

There is a very slight soft halo of color coming to some of the trees now. If you look up at a hillside, the poplars have the palest of green around the tips of the branches, and red maples as well as birches have a faint pink glow at the top. Good eyesight and a strong imagination help to see these faintest of colors. It is such a struggle of becoming to a western Maine spring. There is the continual struggle to become a leaf, a crocus blossom, or to fly back to the waterfowl breeding grounds. Spring doesn't come easy or quickly around here, but, if you watch very closely, there is something new to see every day this time of the year.

You can send news to 3taichi6@gmail.com.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Woodstock Senior Citizens will meet April 4 (today) at the Fire Station at 11:30 a.m.

Dinner by Daughters of Union Veterans, Program by Diane York on "Garden Bugs and Pests." New members always welcome.

Whitman Memorial Library program for April

will be Thursday, April 11, 2 p.m. Jennifer Locke will be guest speaker. Ms. Locke will talk about Mandala Art, which is currently on display at the library. A hands-on lesson will be given on this circular form of art. Public invited, no charge, light refreshments.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m., Evening Service at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 7, Mike Viscome from Gospel Text Mission will be Sunday evening speaker. He will be giving out Scripture signs.

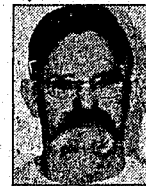
The Woodstock Historical Society will meet on Saturday, April 13, at 6 p.m., at the Town Conference Room. Joyce Howe will talk about "Earlier Days of Woodstock."

Town Meeting was quite well attended. The Wind Ordinance took longest with some discussion on Property Maintenance Ordinance and Fireworks Ordinance. Most money matters passed quickly.

Judith Grover tent 17 DUVCW will meet on Monday, April 8, at the Grange Hall at 7 p.m.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



Carol, President of the Ladies Aid Association, asked me to extend a thank

you to all the patrons who came to the Ladies Aid breakfasts this past winter. The Ladies are going to take some time off from serving breakfasts. Their next scheduled breakfast is Mother's Day. We, the patrons, thank you, Ladies, for all the great breakfasts and the place and opportunity to socialize during the winter.

Deborah Judkins e-mailed to let me know that this year is the 100th anniversary of the Ladies Aid Association. Great Grammy Bertha Judkins was one of the Ladies that signed the incorporation papers. She was also elected as secretary.

The State Line Snowmobile Club is scheduled to meet Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

The Letter B Notch Riders ATV club will meet

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Sunday, April 14, 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

The Upton Historical Society's first meeting of 2013 will be held on Sunday, April 21, 1 p.m. at (you guessed it) the Upton House.

The April Selectman's meeting will be at the town office. It will be held on the 16th at 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will meet Friday, April 26, in the town office. They will have a workshop at 6:30 p.m. and will review building applications at 7 p.m.

We still have substantial snow here in Upton but it is starting to melt. Now comes my least favorite part of the year, mud season. I would love to skip mud season altogether and go directly to late spring or early summer.

Call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

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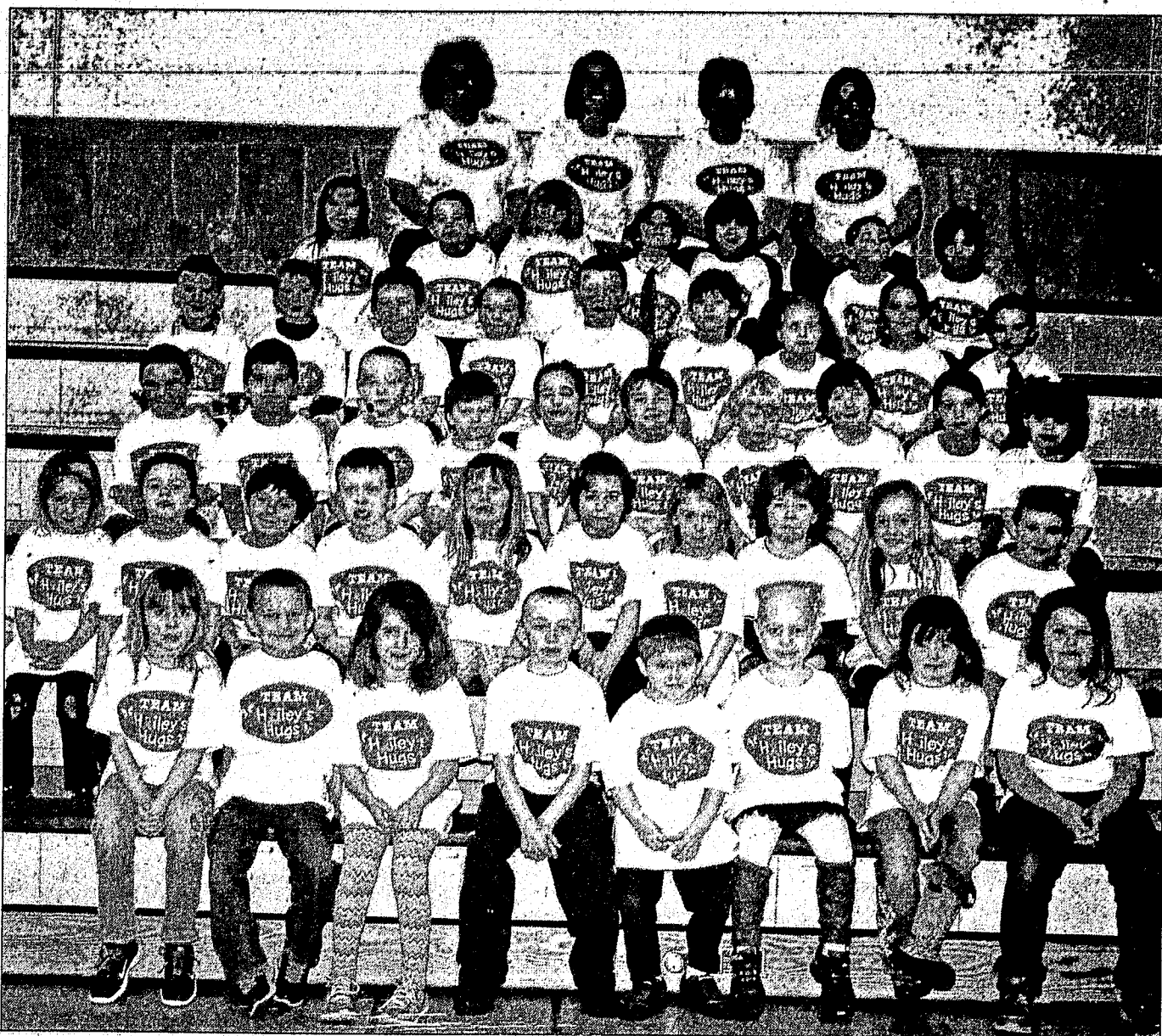
By JANE RICH



Saturday morning found 30 area children searching for Easter eggs in the village. This long tradition is arranged by the Mills family and sign-up for the hunt was held at Mills Market. In the Pre-K division Ayla Neighbors was the winner, while Sarah Chase took the honors for first grade, Madison Irish for 3rd grade, Dylan Bouchard for fourth grade and Natusha Cogley for sixth grade. There were no winners for the second or fifth grades. Trisha and her crew wish to thank the Andover Service Circle and the many town people who donated to defray the expense of prizes.

The Snow Valley Snogers will meet on Saturday evening at 6 p.m. for a potluck supper at the club house followed by a 7 p.m. meeting to elect officers. Club members and interested persons in the community are invited to attend.

A young man's fancy may turn to love in the spring, but here our thoughts turn toward that first Saturday in August, Olde Home Day. The committee will have their first meeting on Wednesday, April 10, at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. The group is pleased to welcome new members and as usual will be trying to find a unique theme for this



SHOW OF SUPPORT-Kindergarten classes and teachers at the Crescent Park Elementary School recently sported Team Halley's Hugs t-shirts donated by Groan and McGurn in West Bethel. The t-shirts are on sale and available at CPS, Nabos, and Funky Red Barn. Kids are \$10, adults \$14. Proceeds will aid the family of kindergartener Halley Steward (front row), who has leukemia. The shirts will also be worn Sept. 21, when there will be a walk for the Maine Children's Cancer Society. Pledges for the walk will go to that cause in support of Halley. If other business owners would like to get their business printed on a shirt as a means of showing support, please leave information with Lloyd at Northeast Bank for Linda Taylor.

year. If you have an idea, please come to the meeting or let one of the committee members know, or call Vickie or Marshall Meisner at 392-4311.

Cabot Lodge No. 117 has undertaken the restoration of the Town Hall stage curtain and would appreciate donations toward this project which is expected to cost \$2,000. Checks may be made out to the lodge and sent to Mark Farrington, P O Box 164, East Andover ME 04226.

The next free community lunch put on by the People in Action Committee will be on April 16 at noon. Your reporter previously stated it would be the 19th - my only excuse is I simply erred.

If you are an Andover Alumni member, you will be receiving, or may have already received, notification of the 2013 banquet, which is only two months away.

On Friday, April 12, at 6 p.m. the First Congregational Church will be hosting dinner and a movie, "The Letter Writer," at the

CEB. Dinner will be provided, bring snacks for the movie, if no movie seems the same without them. Donations will be accepted.

Albany

By CATHY BENNETT



I am enjoying a beautiful Easter in East Bethel with Doug and family.

Bella has gathered her Easter eggs and has been nibbling on candy. She really enjoyed coloring Easter Eggs.

We all had a great visit with Kim and Pat Carson, Colton, Brooke, Seira, and Jake yesterday afternoon. The kids took advantage of the wonderful sunny day and played outside.

Dareth Howard is home in Albany visiting her parents, Terri and Frank and brother Chris.

Later on we will be joined by Chris and Elton Cole for an Easter dinner.

Sure hope this warm weather continues as it re-

ally cheers us up after the long winter. Have a great week everyone.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



The Hanover Board of Select Persons met March 26 for a Board meeting. It was a week later than usual because of conflicting schedules. The Board examined reports and signed warrants. Planning Board Chairman Jeff Watts submitted his resignation. It was accepted. The Select Board is working toward finding a replacement for Jeff's position on the Planning Board. If anyone is interested in working with the Planning Board there are vacancies for alternates to the Planning Board and the Appeals Board. Anyone interested should contact the Town Office or one of the select persons.

The Maine Department of Transportation closed one lane of Route 2 in Hanover part of a day last

partment of Agriculture in Farmington.

The American Radio Relay League Maine State Convention was March 29 and 30. The two-day event was at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston. Among local enthusiasts attending were Norman Clanton of Newry and David Worcester of Hanover.

The ice left the Androscoggin River on March 25. With the ice out and the snow slowly melting there shouldn't be much danger of high water unless we get a huge rain-storm.

Do I dare take the snowplow off yet? That would bring a snowstorm for sure!

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Weather in Mason was perfect for the Easter sunrise service in Ina's living room at "The Farm." Most of the congregation of the West Bethel Union Church gathered there for the service that pastor John Williams presided over just as the sun was peeking over the top of the trees on Meeting House hill. This service was followed by a potluck breakfast in the church basement put on by the Ladies Aide, supplemented by muffins and other goodies brought by the congregants. The congregation returned to the church for the regular Easter Sunday service at 9 a.m. to further celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

At last week's choir practice, we (mostly the women) were chatting about recent goings on before practice. Sue Hanscom was laughing about an incident that happened to her when she attended the 7th-grade play put on at Telstar the previous week. It seems she was distracted while talking with others as she stepped through one of the exits from the cafeteria, where a small step went unnoticed - until she fell! Although Sue was unhurt, several other people were concerned and called for

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assistance, despite her protestations that she was okay. Someone insisted that she had hit her head when she fell. She said firmly, "No. I didn't hit my head!" Before she could get up, a couple people came through one of the other doors with a back board! Finally, Sue rather loudly told everyone to step back to give her room to get up. As she got to her feet, someone asked, "Is anything hurt?" "Only my pride," she responded.

Then Nancy Anderson said she had recently had an embarrassing incident happen to her. She was escorting a 4-year old boy (I didn't catch the reason) across a parking lot, where she saw a dead bird on the ground ahead of them. Wanting to reassure the boy so that he wouldn't be upset about the bird, Nancy observed, "I wonder what kind of bird that is?" The boy replied, "That's a dead bird, you dumb broad!" Out of the mouths of babes—!

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Good morning dear readers—it's a rainy morning here today and 41.5

degrees. This rain will sure help take the snow away and water the ground to help the trees and spring flowers start to pop.

We called on George and Brenda DeWitt yesterday; we had a good visit and enjoyed the sunny morning drive. Many of you will remember George, he played rhythm and was a member of our band. Due to illness George had to give up playing. It will be two years on May 3 that George had his lung removed. Dell Parker of Andover now plays rhythm for our group along with mandolin and fiddle.

The jam sessions at the Eagles in Rumford will be shut down for the spring and summer months; tonight will be the last one for the season.

Birthday wishes to those celebrating this month: Lorna Ryan, Susan Brown, Deedee Tibbetts, Hope Hoyt, Mary Jane Newell, Lorna Hemingway, Traci Mason, Martha Hadley, Scott Roberts, Brenda Washall, and Jeff Simon.

Anniversary wishes to Dick and Bea Moreau of Jay and Frank and Mary Perham.

Had to cancel my practice for today, will work in two days of practice next week.

My nephew Rick stopped by to pick up the mattress I had in my guest room Monday evening, it was too good to throw out and wanted someone to get some use out of it.

What started out as rain a bit ago has now turned to snow and it's snowing quite hard at the moment. The deer are coming out to eat daily in the back field. Took several pictures of them and they look like they fared out pretty good this winter. They look real healthy and lean. I suspect maybe we might see a few new fawns in the weeks to come.

Sap is running real good with the warm days and cold nights and looks like a good maple syrup season.

If anyone has any news, birthdays, anniversaries, birth notices, public suppers, dances, etc., that you would like to share with our readers, call 674-3104. I do have caller ID and a message board for those who wish to leave me a message or a return phone number.

Condolences to the family of Sandra Brown. Thoughts and prayers to each family member.

That's all from the valley this week. I'm off to town to do errands.

Have an awsum day and a great weekend.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It is April and still winter like. We saw snowflakes this a.m. (4-2-13). Now I wait

for sun to come and warm things up. I have been enjoying sitting in the sun in my rocker, which I took back from David. On cloudy/rainy days I do not sit there. As it is I can only sit for short periods of time preferably in the sun. At least the snow is disappearing, if slowly. The back porch is down to less than a foot. YAY!

Thursday, April 4, ACOA will meet at the Waterford Library at 10 a.m. This is an open discussion meeting. FMI please call 739-9115.

Friday, April 4, Friends of the Norway Library will hold their annual chocolate tasting, "Ye Olde Chocolate Shoppe" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. FMI please call 743-5309.

Saturday, April 6, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be a benefit for Judy Buck Lamontagne at West Bethel Grange. Judy at a stroke in December.

Thursday, April 11, 10 a.m., ACOA will meet at the Waterford Library. FMI please call 739-9115.

Thursday, April 11, 4:30-6 p.m., Good Mind Good Mood will be held by To Your Health of WMSA at West Parish Congo Church on Church Street in Bethel. Panelists will be Lynn Arizzi, Janet Willie, Cathi DiCocca and Ellen Crocker.

That will be all for this week. Wish me luck in healing enough to start driving again.

Backyard reflections

By SARA WRIGHT

Dance of the White Tails

A couple of days ago a friend of mine called with news that she knew would get my attention. That very morning she had been astonished to see 20 deer roaming through her field. Where had they come from she asked me with some excitement.

I explained to her that March is the month the deer really start moving because their appetites are increasing. During the dark winter days the deer eat less, move less, bed down together, conserving as much energy as possible. Now that the noon day star rises higher in the sky, the warmth of the sun

is palpable, and the deer seem to love it.

I, too, had seen more deer recently. Each spring I look forward to the habitual gathering of the deer down by the brook. Does and yearlings (the older bucks come in separately) race up and down the hill. All seem to enjoy prancing about, chasing each other around with tails flying. Occasionally, they leap straight into the air as if to challenge the powers of winter to curb their rising enthusiasm.

Surely, the deer are anticipating succulent shoots, sweet grasses, a myriad of unfurling leaves and herbaceous plants that will paint the mountains that luminous emerald green in little more than a month. Winter browse and their favorite white cedar may sustain them, but spring is a time of plenty, well worth a deer's winter wait.

Yesterday I had several deer wandering around here grazing on the bark of young maples. With little wind to cause them distress they meandered around the house, careful to choose the snow paths that were already well worn by winter trampling. I watched them warily, keeping a close eye on my apple trees. Apple bark is a favorite winter treat. Over the years I have lost too many saplings to deer browsing, so now I am vigilant and protect my youngest fruit trees with chicken wire.

This particular morning I happened to be at the window when one rascal pressed his chest into the wire around one tree and popped a tasty bud in his mouth. When I banged on the glass in protest, this youngster's response was to turn, stare in at me with luminous deep pools for eyes, before stamping his feet at me in obvious annoyance! Outraged by his impertinence, I raced to open the door and was finally satisfied to see his white tail flashing as he disappeared into the trees, a study in pure animal grace.

For the last few years I've noticed that the does are coming in with very small deer born late in the summer rather than in early June as is usual around here. I had one here last September that was so small and so red, his spots just fading, that I wondered how he could survive his first winter. A hunter friend of mine also watches/photographs his deer and we exchange observations on a regular basis. He, at least, has also noted this trend towards small fawn-sized young-

sters appearing around his place in the fall. I can't help wondering what this change in behavior might mean, or even if our observations can be corroborated by others.

When I am in the woods these days I often find hunks of coarse gray hair clumped in the wet snow. I can never resist picking up a few of these hairs to examine. The deer are starting to shed their winter coats and I am amazed when I examine the hollow hairs to think that nature provides them with that extra layer of insulation that works so effectively that deer regularly appear with snow on their backs and heads, and this snow will not melt.

My hunter friend found a couple of sets of antlers early last December, and I am always looking for antlers too! I have seen a few bucks over the years that drop one antler and keep the other for a couple of weeks in January. If you look carefully at the bucks in the early spring you can see that little nubbin are forming on their foreheads from secretions from the pituitary gland. Once the antlers start to emerge they are covered in velvet skin which actually nourishes the antlers while they grow.

During this time deer horns are easily injured, even by insects. The size of a buck's antlers depends on diet, age, and genetics according to some sources. Growth ceases in late August and September when testosterone levels increase. After breeding season is over in late November or early December the antlers begin to drop. It makes sense that older healthier bucks tend to have larger, heavier antlers because after maximum growth has been achieved, extra nutrition goes into antler growth.

Females must be healthy to bear their fawns and some are capable of breeding the first season, but they breed later than older does, and I am wondering if the smaller deer that my friend and I are seeing are the result of young does breeding during their first year. If so it might indicate that the deer are doing quite well around here after a couple of difficult winters. I have one old doe that breeds a single fawn and usually I meet her in the early morning hours late in June if I walk up my road. Because this doe knows me her fawns are not skittish and I look forward to meeting my friend with her new son or daughter each summer.

As a child I can remember watching the deer graze under the golden apple tree outside my grandmother's bedroom window. In my mind these memories are always associated with a giant pearl white moon that blossomed in the sky over the scene. Because Easter is always celebrated just after the full moon of the vernal equinox (attesting to its ancient ritual origin) I also associate the deer with Easter.

When I lived in Tucson Arizona I was invited to attend the Yaqui Deer Dances on the nearby Indian Reservation. The Yaqui practice a form of folk Catholicism that merges Native traditions with Christianity in unusual ways.

Easter occurs and culminates with the Deer Dance that happens sometime during the night before Easter morning. Every other ceremony for the six preceding weeks leads to this one, when the white deer comes out of the mythical enchanted flower forest and dances for the people before its spirit returns "home" for another year. I can vividly recall the excitement in the air as the people gathered round the place where the deer dancer would eventually emerge out of the darkness.

"Indian Time" prevails. Practically, this means that no one knows when the dance will begin. A fire is burning in a fire pit, men are drumming, dancing, shaking rattles, and purifying the area with the scent of pungent sage bundles. The women are singing. The young man has been chosen by his people; it is a great honor and he has practiced the Deer Dance for an entire year in preparation for this night. When the time feels right to the dancer, and the Spirit of the Deer has entered the body of the young man he begins to dance.

I recall vividly my exhaustion. I had worked all day at the greenhouse and had arrived at the Yaqui Reservation before dark. It was sometime after midnight when I experienced a peculiar rush of heat slamming through my body as the music intensified to a fevered pitch; billowing sage smoke blinded me temporarily. The dancer appeared out of the cloud with a deer's head attached to his own. He wore it like a crown, and silk scarves and brilliant paper flowers hung from each antler.

He danced and danced as I slipped into a space where the dancer, the deer, and the meaning of the dance became one. It lasted for hours. Everyone stood rooted to the desert ground. I remember being shocked by a predawn sky that seemed to catch fire just as the dancer finished, bowing his head in prayer. It was over. Silently, people slipped away and I drove home, thankful to have participated in something so extraordinary that it would always be beyond words to describe.

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April events at the Bethel Historical Society

In conjunction with the upcoming exhibit "In the Field and On the Homefront: Bethel During the Civil War," which opens at the Robinson House in late May, the Bethel Historical Society's Annual History Symposium, on April 13, will explore how the Civil War is taught in secondary schools, with an emphasis on methods and resources. The keynote speaker will be Thomas A. Desjardin, Historian for the Maine Division of Parks and Public Lands, and author of "Stand Firm Ye Boys From Maine: The 20th Maine and the Gettysburg Campaign," "These Honored Dead: How the Story of Gettysburg Shaped American Memory," "Through A Howling Wilderness: Benedict Arnold's March to Quebec, 1775," "Joshua L. Chamberlain: A Handbook," and "Joshua L. Chamberlain: A Life in Letters."

Tom Desjardin earned a bachelor's degree in government and a master's degree in communication from Florida State University, where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He holds a Ph.D. in history from the University of Maine and has taught at his alma mater (FSU), at Bowdoin College, and the University of Maine. He is also a former fellow at the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in New York City.

A former archivist/historian at Gettysburg National Military Park, Desjardin has devoted much of his historical research to Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, on the mythology of the Gettysburg story, and Maine history. His work was twice nominated for the prestigious Lincoln Prize. He has appeared in nationally televised documentaries numerous times and was the historical consultant for actor Jeff Daniels in his role as Chamberlain in the 1993 movie "Gettysburg."

Following Desjardin's presentation and a short break, commentary on teaching the Civil War at the high school level will be provided by several area history teachers, and questions will be invited from those in the audience. The program will take place in the Mason House exhibit hall (14 Broad Street) from 2 to 4:30 p.m., and is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

On Tuesday, April 16, the Bethel Historical Society will open a mini-exhibit entitled "The Bethel Inn: A Century of Hospitality." On view through Dec. 27, 2013, this display celebrates the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Bethel Inn on July 12, 1913. Designed in the Colonial Revival style by the Boston architectural firm of Coolidge and Carlson, the Bethel Inn's construction was financed primarily by William Bingham 2nd and built under the close supervision of a six-man corporation led by Dr. John George Gehring, whose clinic for the treatment of those with nervous disorders brought numerous prominent people to Bethel and the Inn during its early years of operation.

Built on the site of the Prospect Hotel (begun in 1861), which was largely destroyed by fire in 1911, the Bethel Inn met with immediate success. By the time the Inn celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1988, its facilities had grown to include several once-private dwellings near the Bethel Hill common. The Society's modest display will include vintage Bethel Inn brochures, menus, maps, photographs, and building plans.

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society is the largest and most comprehensive historical organization in its region. With nearly 1,000 members, the society fosters a sense of place - with a focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire - by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars. Through its exhibits, programs, events, and publications, the society strives to make the region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable. In 1974, the society acquired the 1813 Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason, which contains a period house museum, exhibit hall and research library. In 1999, the society added the adjacent O'Neil Robinson House (1821) to its facilities for an expanded exhibits program, museum shop space, and administrative offices.

MLT Step Falls Kick-Off

The Mahoosuc Land Trust will hold a public kick-off on April 12, 4:30 - 6 p.m., at its office at 18 Mayville Road, Bethel, for the Step Up for Step Falls campaign. Over 80 percent of the funds needed for the work on the property and stewardship resources has been raised due to a generous lead gift, 100 percent board participation and foundation grants.

For more than a hundred years, residents and visitors to western Maine have visited Step Falls to enjoy its stunning scenery, to swim in one of its many pools, and to enjoy a family outing in this beautiful place. The Mahoosuc Land Trust acquired Step Falls from the Nature Conservancy last October.

The Land Trust is now raising money to insure that Step Falls is protected for future generations. Plans to improve the parking area, trail signage, boundary delineation and to re-build the heavily used trail to the Falls are projects that will be implemented this spring. In addition, the Land Trust will establish a stewardship fund to provide the financial security to maintain the Preserve well into the future. We are giving all interested members of our western Maine community an opportunity to be involved in this exciting campaign.

Last fall, the Land Trust received a generous lead gift from Richard Bohr in honor of his brother, former Land Trust president and founder, Ken Bohr. This winter, 100 percent of the Mahoosuc Land Trust Board members have stepped up with gifts in support of Step Falls, and the Land Trust has received a generous grant from the Margaret E. Burnham Charitable Trust. In addition, after our fall newsletter announcing the acquisition of the Step Falls Preserve, a number of our members sent us generous gifts of support.

Bonnie Pooley, Mahoosuc Land Trust Board president, noted that "Step Falls is beloved by many in this community, and we want everyone to have an opportunity to be a part of this effort. The improvements planned for this summer will greatly enhance the appearance of Step Falls."

While a large percent of the funds have been secured, the kick-off event will serve as a final push to involve community members toward reaching the goal by May 15. Please join the Mahoosuc Land Trust on April 12 to hear more information on the Step Falls project.

WMSC: "Good Mind: Good Mood"

"Good Mind: Good Mood" will be presented by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC) on Thursday, April 11, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. This is the final program in a series aimed at "maximizing our health and happiness as we grow older." Four local panelists will offer some concrete ways of living with the glass "half-full" and give some ideas to take home.

Lynn Arizzi, a life-long musician, will discuss how "Music Makes the Soul Soar." She tells us music can be for beauty, joy, convictions or pathos. "Join me in a musical movement experience, which can lift your soul to new heights," says Arizzi, who has been director of WMSC's Senior College Players for the past six years.

Janet Willie, LMT, Therapeutic Massage Therapist, will address, "Staying Positive: Maintaining Connections through Movement." She says, "Keeping the body moving is crucial to healthy aging." She tells us, "In order to be positive and maintain your connections, you need to feel good. By learning a few simple movement patterns, your everyday actions become more ease-filled." She said this will reduce stiffness, loosen up joints and energize one's life.

Cathi DiCocoa, professional chef and owner of DiCocoa's Market Bakery, will give a brief look at how mood swings one experiences may be caused by a reaction to foods one chooses to eat. "A little science, a little myth-busting and some practical take-home information will help you keep those moody moments in check," she says. Tasty samples will be offered in this session of ed-

ible education.

Ellen Crocker, retired psycho-therapist, will captivate one's imagination with her talk on, "Homework for Old Age: What's the Assignment Now." She says, "Much of our striving is behind us - earning a living, raising a family, paying the rent. So what now? How do we resurrect old dreams and dream new ones?" This topic will be opened up for discussion with the audience.

This program is offered as a community service by To Your Health of WMSC with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center and MSAD44/Continuing Education. The public is invited and admission is free. Light refreshment available. For more information, call R. Tift at 824-2053.

Trout Unlimited receives grant

The Mollycokett Chapter of Trout Unlimited is proud to announce that it has received a \$5,000 in Embrace-A-Stream (EAS) grant from Trout Unlimited, placing third nationally among over 40 other applicants. The grant will be used for a \$47,015 project to reconnect Aldrich Brook to the rest of its watershed. Aldrich Brook, located in Parkertown Twp., is a tributary in the Upper Magalloway/Azischoos Lake watershed. The project is part of a broader effort to reconnect all historic brook trout habitat within the 150-square-mile watershed, primarily by identifying road crossings that obstruct fish passage and removing or repairing them.

Aldrich Brook is a tributary to Azischoos Lake; a Heritage Brook Trout lake that has not been stocked in 25 years and is supported completely by wild trout reproduction, largely in tributary streams. As part of an overall effort to reconnect all historic habitat in the Upper Magalloway/Azischoos watershed, this project would involve removing two current fish passage impediments (perched culverts) on Aldrich Brook thereby reconnecting 1.9 miles of wild brook trout habitat to Azischoos Lake and the rest of the watershed.

The project will engage the landowner, Wagner Forest Management (Wagner), and other volunteers in a comprehensive effort to survey the remainder of the road crossings in the Upper Magalloway/Azischoos Lake watershed. Total construction costs, including materials, are estimated at \$41,900. Half of the construction costs will be provided by Wagner. In addition to Wagner and the funding received by Mollycokett TU through the EAS, the grant brings together several other organizations that will also assist in this project with either additional funding and/or services: Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Azischoos Lake Preservation Council, Trout and Salmon Foundation, Rangeley Region Guides and Sportsmen's Association, Fly Fishing in Maine, Orvis/Trout Unlimited 1000 Mile Campaign Project work will begin this spring and is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. Mollycokett TU will be seeking volunteers to help with the project. FMI: Contact Mollycokett Chapter President, Lee Margolin, at 743-9808.

Iranian documentary

The documentary "Education Under Fire" will be shown at the Waterford Library at 7 p.m. on April 17. The documentary will be followed by a conversation with an expert panel on the themes of religious discrimination and the right to public education which the film addresses.

The 30-minute documentary, which has been endorsed by Amnesty International, deals with the Iranian government's denial of the right to higher education for the past 30 years for all of the members of its largest non-Muslim religious minority - the Baha'is. The event is free and open to everyone. For more information visit www.educationunderfire.com. For information on the event, please contact Parivash Rohani 782-5927 or e-mail parivash9@hotmail.com.

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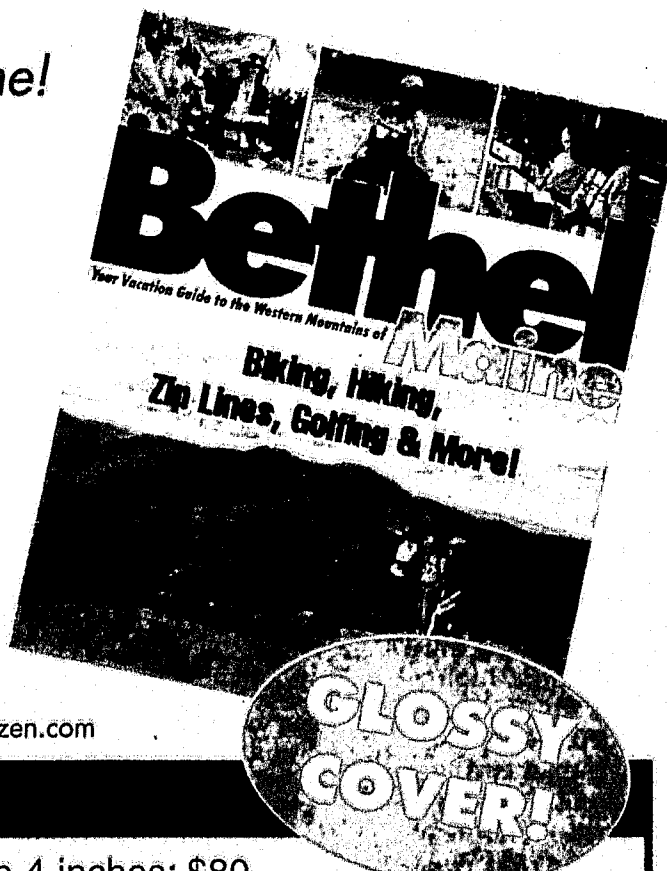
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Dog Park Committee resuscitates FODP

Back in 2007 a group with big dreams for Davis Park went through the process of creating a public benefit nonprofit corporation (known to the IRS as a "501.c.3") called The Friends of Davis Park for the purpose of receiving tax-deductible donations. They first used the funds donated by foundations, businesses, and individuals to enable the Town of Bethel to reconstruct the Skate Park from its former portable elements to the much used and admired cement structure that exists today. The Friends had planned to continue raising money for other projects along the pathway and throughout the lands between the Androscoggin River and the commercial properties along The Parkway. On their dream list were a skating rink, a basketball court, turnouts toward the river with benches, and, especially, artwork designed by local artists and sculptors. However, times changed, the economic downturn arrived, and the grand plans were shelved.

Last week, Maura Rodway, the attorney who created the 501.c.3 organization and who has since relocated to the Portland area, was getting ready to notify IRS to shut it down when she read that the Dog Park Committee is raising funds to build the proposed dog park on Davis Park land behind Dunkin Donuts, pending the outcome of the June town vote. She called Steve Wight, the town agent for the proposed Bethel Dog Park, to inquire whether the committee might be interested in utilizing the fundraising corporation in their efforts. Wight and dog park committee treasurer Deb Borchart of Bethel met with Rodway over the weekend and made arrangements to keep the corporation alive, both for the use of the dog park campaign and for future Davis Park projects.

Interestingly, the IRS paperwork that formed the 501.c.3 stated its purpose as "to lessen the burden of the Town of Bethel by raising and expending funds to operate, restore, maintain, or erect public buildings, monuments, and recreational facilities at the town-owned property known as Davis Park." The plan then, as now, was to solicit donations in the name of The Friends of Davis Park and turn them over to the town for their intended purpose to avoid causing any tax burden to the town when providing recreational infrastructure.

The taxpayers of Bethel have three women, Maura Rodway, Kate Goldberg, and Nancy Babcock to thank for their vision in 2007, even if they were unable to predict the blow to the economy that held up the process for several years.

Democrats to meet

The Oxford County Democrats will meet on Sunday, April 7, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Local 900 hall on Route 108 in Rumford. This meeting of the Oxford County Democrats will have a special focus on the River Valley towns, although all Democrats and those interested in electing Democrats are welcome to attend. County Chair Cathy Newell of Greenwood has announced that the agenda will include legislative updates, as well as a focus on candidate recruitment and what is involved in running for office. The schedule of community events during the late spring and summer will be reviewed and plans for upcoming meetings will be discussed.

A financial report, and a report on the new website will be presented by Roy Gedat, and the details of the annual fund mailing will be provided. A report on the State House Field Trip will be given. Additional information will be provided on the Oxford County Democrats' Facebook page. Anyone with questions may call Cathy Newell at 875-2116 or e-mail info@oxforddems.org.



TELSTAR STUDENT Caleb Morton has been working with Jeremy Morin of Jerbeck Construction on Hemlock Ridge in Bethel building this two-car garage/three bedroom house. Jeremy has teamed up with the Telstar School to Work program to provide a hands-on experience for Caleb. This is Jerbeck's first School to Work student.

Dumont Cup winners

Lawrenceburg, Ind., native Nick Goepper took home the Dumont Cup in 2011 as an amateur and today takes home the 2013 Dumont Cup as one of the most recognized professional freeskiers in the world.

Goepper's winning slopestyle run earned him 95 points while second-place finisher, Gus Kenworthy (Telluride, Colo.), earned 92.7 points, and third-place finisher, Joss Christensen (Park City, Utah), earned 91.7 points.

Goepper takes home \$10,000 in cash, Kenworthy \$5,000, and Christensen \$2,000. The three winners are also invited to the Team O'Neil Rally School in New Hampshire for off-road driving instruction with Dumont Cup founder Simon Dumont.

Goepper, Kenworthy, and Christensen were part of a group of a dozen professional skiers and nearly 80 amateur skiers who came to the slopes of Sunday River Resort to compete in the two-day fifth annual Dumont Cup - the largest freeskiering event on the East Coast and the only platinum-level slopestyle event recognized by the Association of Freeskiing Professionals (AFP).

The Dumont Cup was founded by X Games gold medalist and 2014 Olympic hopeful Simon Dumont, in a partnership between event organizers Aura360 and host Sunday River Resort. The event takes place in the resort's Rocking Chair terrain park.

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University summer sessions begin in May. For more information call 743-9322 or visit: www.learn.maine.edu/southparis.

Bethel poet Bruce Guernsey published on "American Life in Poetry"

Poet Bruce Guernsey, who lives seasonally in Bethel, recently had one of his poems published on the American Life in Poetry website (www.americanlifeinpoetry.org). The site has an international audience of approximately two million.

Guernsey taught English for 25 years at Eastern Illinois University. He is known for finding poetry in the simplest of objects, including milk, ice, moss, glass and yams.

His work has been published in "The Atlantic," "Poetry," and "American Scholar," as well as in "The Journal of Medical Opinion" and "Fly Rod & Reel."

In October 2012 Guernsey shared poems from his most recent book, "From Rain: Poems, 1970-2010" at a Western Mountains Senior College "Down Home Maine" gathering at the Mill Hill Inn.

The poem reprinted below, "Back Road," is from that book.

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There's an old country-western song with the refrain, "That's what happens when two worlds collide," and in this poem by Bruce Guernsey, who divides his year between Illinois and Maine, we see a near collision between two worlds.

Back Road

Winter mornings
drying past
I'd see these kids
huddled like grouse
in the plowed ruts
in front of their shack
waiting for the bus,
three small children
bunched against the drifts
rising behind them.

This morning
I slowed to wave
and the smallest,
a stick of a kid
draped in a coat,
grinned and raised
his red, raw hand,
the snowball
packed with rock
aimed at my face.

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Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor & Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children, "Sunday Morning Live" for Middle and High School youth; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6:30 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade). Tuesdays: High School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. FMI: 207-824-2289

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wed evening 6:00 Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26). Fr. Robert Vaillancourt may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational Church - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Ricke-man, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. wor-

ship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship - Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route

5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sandra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 - 10 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824.4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastor Ray Mitchell. Sunday morning service 9 a.m. (summer) with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Singseration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. FMI: 689-8000

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. FMI: call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Sunday services: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., (July and Aug. 9 a.m.) Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake. FMI 743-2491.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Mass. FMI 743-2606.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and refreshments.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m. 207-388-2610.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - Sunday services, 9 a.m., Sept. to June. 207-674-2365.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship-9:45 a.m.; Sunday School- 11 a.m.; Word of Life Olympians (kids club) -6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study-7 p.m.; Ladies' ministry, food pantry, third Saturday of month. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson 207-527-2551, Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinkhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Library, Bryant Pond.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, April 4

10 a.m. - **ACOA Meeting**, Waterford Library. This is an open discussion meeting. FMI: 739-9115.
2 to 7 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive**, Maine Veterans' Home, 477 High Street, South Paris. Walk-ins welcome. All presenting donors in April will receive a coupon for a free regular 6-inch sub at any participating Subway restaurant.
6 to 7 p.m. - **Woodstock PTA Meeting**, Woodstock Elementary School.

Friday, April 5

5 p.m. - **Holy Savior School Benefit Auction**, American Legion, Rumford. Items up for auction include Sea Dogs tickets, an American Girl doll, a Keurig coffee maker, dance lessons, jewelry, and more. Individuals and businesses interested in contributing may contact Sue Adley (364-4919), Judy Collette (364-5157), or Holy Savior School (364-2528).
7 to 10 p.m. - **Telstar Middle School Fancy Dance**, Telstar cafeteria. Open to grades 6-8.
7:30 p.m. - **"Serving up Broadway,"** Oxford Hills High School's Mark S. Eastman Auditorium. An original musical-review, celebrating 40 years of the Oxford Hills School Community Broadway show with professional dancers and musicians performing songs from some of the all-time great musicals.
8 p.m. - **Concert with Indie Folk Artist, Dave Dersham**, Sunday River Inn, 23 Skiway Road, Newry. Dave has been playing the New England folk scene since 1996. He has released two CDs, both of which were released and celebrated at Harvard Square's legendary fold venue, Club Passim. \$18/advance, \$20/door. FMI/tickets: 824-2410 or www.sundayriverinnmaine.com.

Saturday, April 6

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Oxford County Communications Training Conference**, Lovell Fire Department, 3 Hatch Hill Road. Open to all first responders (fire, law, and EMS personnel) and dispatchers throughout Maine and New Hampshire. Keynote speaker, Chief John Oates of the East Hartford Fire Department in Connecticut. Topics covered to include effectively dealing with potentially violent situations, communications and response in large scale incidents, and crime scene protocol. Free to attend and includes a pot roast dinner and door prizes. FMI/Registration: Geff Inman (743-9554 ext. 109) or (ginman@oxfordcounty.org).
9 a.m. - **State Line Snowmobile Club Meeting**, Upton House.
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **American Legion Post 72 Yard Sale**, Church Street, South Paris. The lunch counter will be open and 50/50 tickets will be available.
10 a.m. - **Family Waterfall Adventure**. Meet at Mahoosuc Land Trust off Route 2 to carpool to Grafton Notch and explore the waterfalls.
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Benefit for Judy Buck Lamontagne**, West Bethel Grange Hall. Judy had a stroke in December and the funds will help with much-needed expenses. Potluck dinner, door prizes, and a Chinese auction. Adults/\$5, children/\$2.50. FMI: Maryvonne (836-2330) or Sheila (364-4123).
1:30 and 7:30 p.m. - **"Serving up Broadway,"** Oxford Hills High School's Mark S. Eastman Auditorium. An original musical-review, celebrating 40 years of the Oxford Hills School Community Broadway show with professional dancers and musicians performing songs from some of the all-time great musicals.
6 p.m. - **Snow Valley Sno-Goers Potluck Supper/Annual Meeting**. All club members and interested

people are invited to attend. Potluck supper begins at 6 p.m., followed by a meeting and election of officers at 7 p.m.
7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band**, South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Old fashioned dance music. Admission: \$5.

Sunday, April 7

3 p.m. - **Oxford County Democrats Meeting**, Local 900 Hall, Rt. 108, Rumford. FMI: 875-2116 or email info@oxforddems.org.

Monday, April 8

6 to 7 p.m. - **Andover PTA Meeting**, Andover Elementary School.

Wednesday, April 10

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - **SeniorsPlus, Area Agency on Aging**, West Paris Library. SeniorsPlus will be available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.
6 p.m. - **CPS Art Show/K-3 Concert**, Crescent Park School. Artistic creations made by CPS students will be on display throughout the school and grades K-3 will have their spring concert in the gym.
7 p.m. - **Olde Home Day Committee Meeting**, Andover Town Hall. The group is pleased to welcome new members and, as usual, will be trying to find a unique theme for this year. If you have an idea, please come to the meeting, let one of the members know, or call Vickie or Marshal Meisner at 392-4311.

Thursday, April 11

2 p.m. - **MANDALA Art with Jennifer Locke**, Whitman Memorial Library. Ms. Locke will be talking about her MANDALA artwork, currently on display at the library, and giving a hands-on lesson on this circular art form. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.
4:30 to 6 p.m. - **Good Mind: Good Mood**, West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Panelists Lynn Arizzi, Janet Willie, Cathi DiCocoa, and Ellen Crocker will offer concrete ways of living with the glass half-full. Sponsored by To Your Health of WMSC. Free and open to the public. FMI: Rosabelle Tift (824-2053).

Friday, April 12

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **"Let the Dough Fly"** Norway Arts Festival Kick-off Dinner, Unitarian Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Menu: Pasta with homemade sauce (meat or vegetarian), focaccia, salad, and dessert. Tickets are on sale at Books N Things. \$10, children under 10 accompanied by an adult eat free. Proceeds to benefit Norway Arts Festival.
6 p.m. - **Dinner and a Movie**, First Congregational Church, Andover. Meal and desserts provided, followed by a showing of "The Letter Writer." Donations accepted to defray expenses.
6 p.m. - **Step Up for Step Falls Public Campaign Kick-off**, Mahoosuc Land Trust Office, 18 Mayville Road, Bethel.

Saturday, April 13

8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - **Waterford Indoor Yard Sale**, Plummer Hill, next to the church. Many new items. A good selection of books to read, plenty of children and adult games. Something for everyone.
1 p.m. - **Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop**, Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Topics will be getting bees ready for spring and

problems with disease. Speaker will be Maine State Bee Inspector, Tony Jadcak. All are welcome. FMI: John (743-5009) or Kevin (farrout@roadrunner.com).
2 to 4:30 p.m. - **Annual History Symposium**, Bethel Historical Society, 10-14 Broad Street. The symposium will explore how the Civil War is taught in secondary schools. Commentary will be provided by area history teachers. Keynote speaker: Author and historian, Thomas A. Desjardin. Free and open to the public.
4 p.m. - **Auction**, Andover Town Hall. Proceeds to support the Kevin Hughes family.
7 p.m. - **Concert with Peter Coolidge and Friends**, Andover Town Hall. Tickets: \$10. Proceeds to support the Kevin Hughes family.
7 to 10 p.m. - **Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club**, Oxford Hills Middle School cafeteria. Kip and Linda Moulton of Scarborough will team up as caller and cuer for the square dancing and round dancing. Refreshments, door prizes, and Pot O' Gold Drawing at Intermission. Admission: \$6. FMI: Eleanor Herrick (782-4050) or www.squaredanceme.us/.

Sunday, April 14

9 a.m. - **Letter B Notch Riders Meeting**, Upton House. The meeting will begin with elections of officers and board members. Trail locations and development, bridge building, fundraising, and club events will be discussed.

Monday, April 15

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - **Safe Sitter Class**, Ripley Medical Building's Harper Conference Center, 193 Main Street, Norway. Open to students 11 years and older. Safe Sitters learn infant and child CPR, choking procedure, basic child care skills, and how to entertain and keep them safe. Class fee: \$50 (\$15 scholarships are available). FMI/Registration: 743-1562 (ext. 6951).

Tuesday, April 16

7 p.m. - **Upton Selectmen's Meeting**, Upton Town Office.

Wednesday, April 17

1 to 4 p.m. - **SeniorsPlus, Area Agency on Aging**, Norway Town Hall. SeniorsPlus will be available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.
7 p.m. - **Documentary, "Education Under Fire"**, Waterford Library. The documentary will be followed by a conversation with an expert panel on the themes of religious discrimination and the right to public education. Documentary information: www.educationunderfire.com. Event information: Parivash Rohani (782-5927) or (parivash9@hotmail.com).

Saturday, April 20

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band**, South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Old fashioned dance music. Admission: \$5.

Sunday, April 21

1 p.m. - **Upton Historical Society Meeting**, Upton House.

Wednesday, April 24

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - **SeniorsPlus, Area Agency on Aging**, Rumford Town Office. SeniorsPlus will be available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office
Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.
Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.
Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.
Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4:30 p.m., Town Office.
Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.
Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office
SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover
Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.
Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym,
Bethel
First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.
Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.
Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m.- Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.
Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.—Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.
First and Third Thursdays of month, 6 p.m.; Bethel Dog Park Committee meets at Mahoosuc Land Trust building. In case of inclement weather, call 836-2100.
Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.
Upton
Sundays, 8 to 11 a.m. -Ladies Aid Society Breakfasts at the

Ladies Aid building, Mill Road, Upton. Breakfasts vary. Cost: Donation.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzzl16@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.- Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/ WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE VOICES

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child are. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 87 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI all 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.
Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 869-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional,

or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris. Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6PM to 7:30PM at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS A FISH WITH AN ELEPHANT?

DEBRIS	BRIDE	SITTER	TIRES
TWEAKS	SKATE	CHORES	CHOSE
IMPOSE	MOPES	DUBLIN	BLIND
SCREAM	CARES	TRANCE	REACT
LIMPED	PILED	SICKER	CRIES
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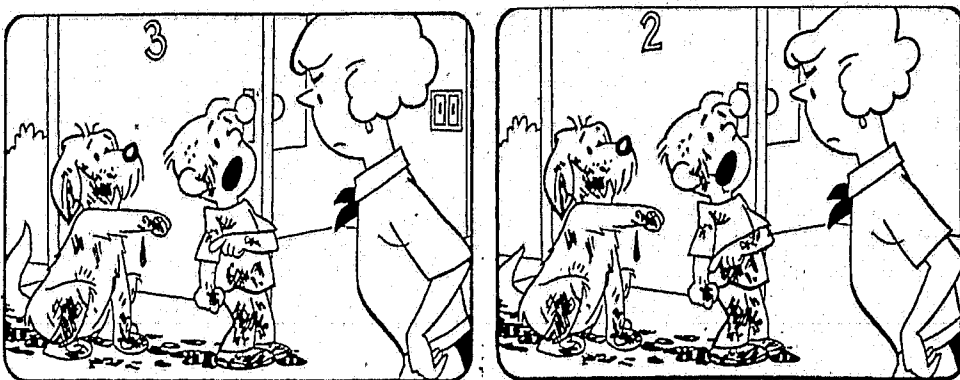
For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzzles.com

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Tail is shorter. 2. Number is different. 3. Arm is moved.
4. Hair is different. 5. Sleeve is shorter. 6. Light Switch is missing.

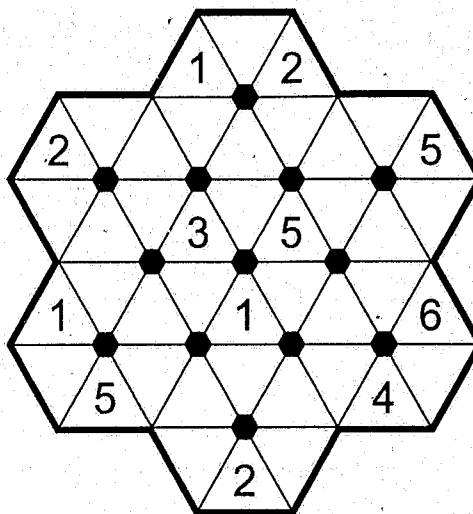
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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SCRAMBLERS

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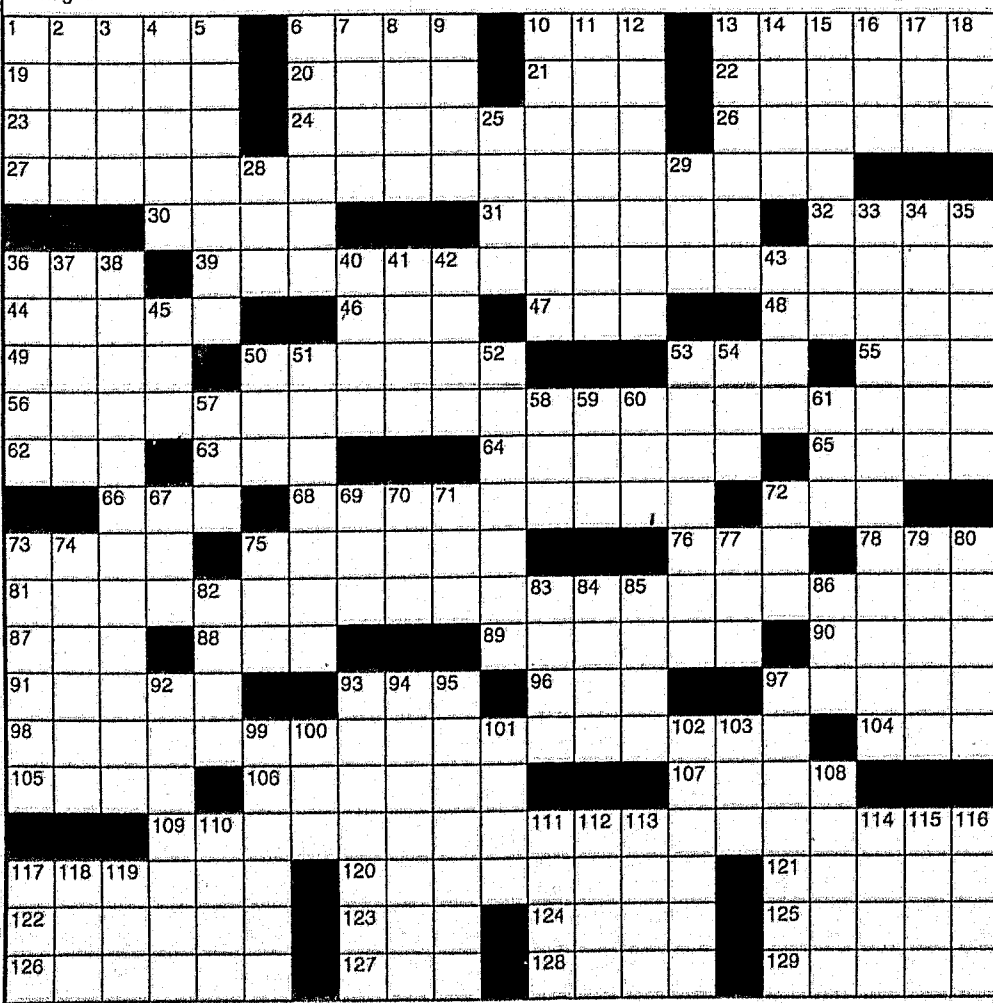
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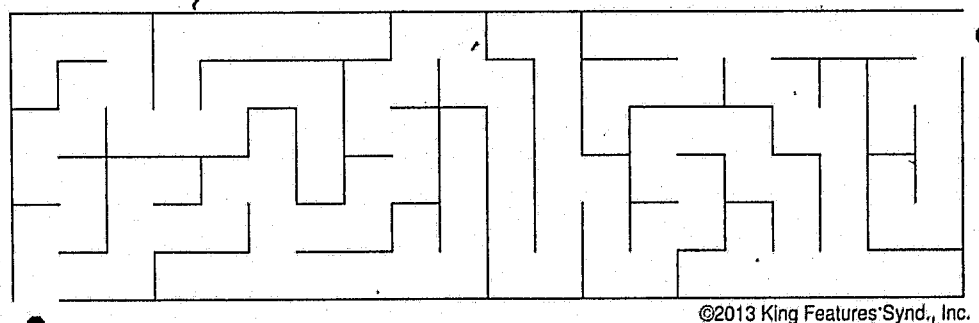
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- 1 Blouse, e.g.
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 - 20 Of the 123-Across
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 - 22 Skilled public speaker
 - 23 Baffled
 - 24 Fatherly
 - 26 Series of church petitions
 - 27 Start of a riddle
 - 30 Ballet outfit
 - 31 Male wig
 - 32 Fanciful desire
 - 36 Alert to squad cars, briefly
 - 39 Riddle, part 2
 - 44 Rural retreat
 - 46 Plural "is"
 - 47 Catch sight of
 - 48 — Polo
 - 49 Southern Sioux
 - 50 Full of negatives
 - 53 With 96-Across, fruitily
 - 55 Gullible type
 - 56 Riddle, part 3
 - 62 Barrett of the original Pink Floyd
 - 63 Crooner — "King" Cole
 - 64 Franklin with soul
 - 65 H-bombs and the like
 - 66 Real partner
 - 68 Riddle, part 4
 - 72 Miss — mile
 - 73 Cast off, as feathers
 - 75 Shops
 - 76 — kwon do (martial art)
 - 78 Memphis-to-Chicago dir.
 - 81 Riddle, part 5
 - 87 — Mae Brown (Whoopi Goldberg's Oscar-winning "Ghost" role)
 - 88 A Stooze
 - 89 Shearer and Talmadge
 - 90 Gambler's IOU
 - 91 Wyoming's — Range
 - 93 "How awful!"
 - 96 See 53-Across
 - 97 Savor —
 - 98 End of the riddle
 - 104 — capita
 - 105 "Star Wars" sage
 - 106 Typos, e.g.
 - 107 Curling tool
 - 109 Riddle's answer
 - 117 Reason
 - 120 Mail rat, typically
 - 121 Amazed
 - 122 Eye piece?
 - 123 Lobe locale
 - 124 Rice-A- — say?"
 - 125 Signs over
 - 126 In the hub of
 - 127 Rd. crossers
 - 128 Wet blanket
 - 129 Artery insert
 - 8 Goalie glove
 - 9 — deuce
 - 10 Lacking a sound basis
 - 11 Regulation
 - 12 Sun block?
 - 13 Flick director's cry
 - 14 One of the Great Lakes
 - 15 American Indian or wine
 - 16 Homer's H
 - 17 Prefix with proliferation
 - 18 Take a crack at
 - 25 Old paper section
 - 28 "Who am — say?"
 - 29 Jazz saxophonist
 - 33 Equestrian skill
 - 34 Bouncer's door request
 - 35 Nearsighted people
 - 36 Asserts
 - 37 Succinct, as a saying
 - 38 Like kinfolk
 - 40 Missies
 - 41 Wall St. mavens
 - 42 Lover boy
 - 43 Radiate
 - 45 Old NASA lander
 - 50 Alias letters
 - 51 Beatles hit
 - 52 Lures
 - 53 Title for Gandhi
 - 54 — low ebb
 - 57 Plus
 - 58 Notable time period
 - 59 Mystery novelist
 - 60 Bklyn. —, N.Y.
 - 61 Numbered rite
 - 67 Keats feat
 - 69 Without a — (penniless)
 - 70 Opp. of departure
 - 71 Spy novelist
 - 72 Deighton
 - 73 Not uniform
 - 74 Signature line of Cab Calloway
 - 75 Airport northwest of LAX
 - 77 "Six-pack" muscles
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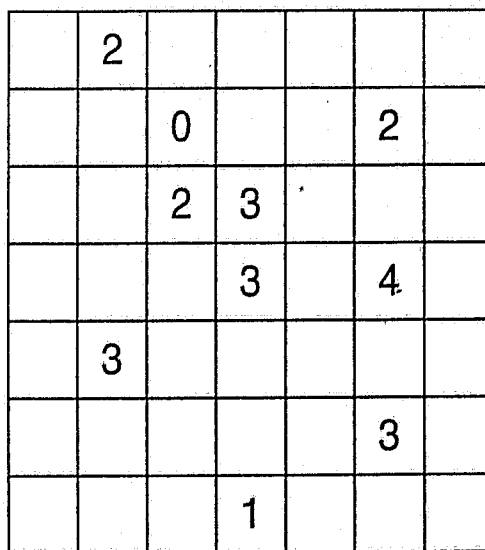


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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

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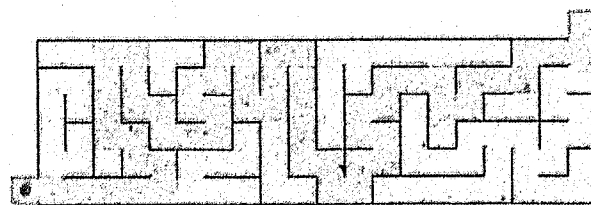


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Kids' Maze Solution

APPETITE

Today's Word:

1. Dapple; 2. Please;

3. Attack; 4. Abide

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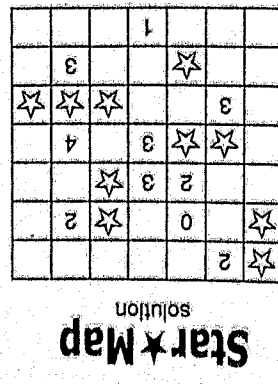
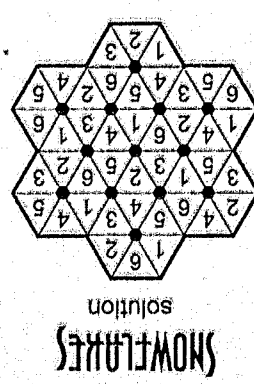
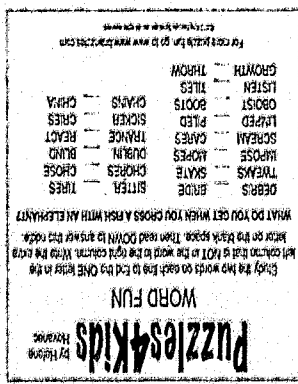
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NEWRY SELECTMEN discuss the conduct of town government Monday. At the table from left are Chair Wendy Hanscom, Town Administrator Loretta Powers, Selectman Gary Wight and Selectman Brooks Morton. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Your Guide to Area Services

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AUTO REPAIR BRYANT POND AUTO BODY & COLLISION Felt Road • Bryant Pond 665-2075 Insurance Estimates Specializing in auto body repair for over 35 years	FIREWOOD FIREWOOD Always free local delivery Cross Excavation Doug Jones 824-FIRE (3473)	FORESTRY Alvin Yates Logging Contractor Buying Stumpage & Standing Timber Wood Lots of Any Size Certified Logging Professional Licensed Professional Forester References Available West Paris, Maine 074-5577 890-1926	MASONRY NEIL DONOVAN Masonry CALL 824-2113 BRICK • BLOCK • STONEMASONRY	ROOFING ROOFING Gil Bolduc Specializing in colored standing seam metal roofs 30+ Years Experience - Fully Insured 207-364-7845
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REAL ESTATE AUCTIONS

AUCTION | REAL ESTATE | HOOKSETT, NH - LENDER ORDERED; Commercial Sales & Service Facility; Auction: April 24; For details & terms, visit www.tranzon.com/AP13021; Tranzon

Auction Properties; 93 Exchange Street, Portland, ME 04101; 207-775-4300; Thomas W. Saturley, NH RE Lic. #11528, NH AC #2495

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Invitation to Bid

The Town of Newry is seeking sealed bid offers from qualified contractors for Road Maintenance for the Summer of 2013 to include designated road maintenance and road repairs.

Information concerning this invitation to bid may be obtained by contacting the Town Office at 207-824-3123 during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 7 am to 5 pm.

All sealed bids must be marked "Road Maintenance Summer 2013" and be received at the Newry Town Office, 422 Bear River Road Newry, Maine 04261 by 5:00 p.m. on May 2, 2013. Bids to be opened on May 6, 2013 during the Selectmen's meeting.

Invitation to Bid

The Town of Newry is seeking sealed bid offers from qualified contractors for 2013 Roadside Mowing of Town Roads.

Information concerning this bid project may be obtained by contacting the Town Office at 207-824-3123 during office hours Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All sealed bids must be marked "Roadside Mowing Summer 2013" and be received at the Newry Town Office, 422 Bear River Road Newry, Maine 04261 by 5:00 p.m. on May 2, 2013. Bids to be opened on May 6, 2013 during the Selectmen's meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE

Please take notice that Bruce A. Manzer, Inc. intends to file an Air Emission License application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) pursuant to the provisions of 38 M.R.S.A., Section 590 on April 15, 2013. The application is for a Chapter 115 Mineral Processing Air Emissions License at the Phillips and Newry Hot Mix Asphalt and Aggregate Crushing Facilities. According to Department regulations, interested parties must be publicly notified, written comments invited, and if justified, an opportunity for public hearing given. A request for a public hearing or for the Board of Environmental Protection to assume jurisdiction must be received by the Department, in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is accepted by the Department as complete for processing.

The application and supporting documentation will be available for review at the Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ) DEP offices in Augusta, (207) 287-2437, during normal working hours. A copy of the application and supporting documentation will also be available at the municipal office in Phillips and Newry Maine.

Written public comments may be sent to Project Manager, Eric Kennedy at the Bureau of Air Quality, State House Station #17, Augusta, Maine 04333.

BETHEL: New 7'x12' w/7x7' loft, \$70/mo. 5'x7' w/5x4' loft, \$40/mo. 603-552-3295, or cell: 603-247-2081.

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Marnie M. and Thomas A. Dean to Janet J. and Cornelius E. Buckley III of Leominster, Mass., land and building at 9 Holly Place. \$117,000, Dec. 12, 2012.
Thelma D. and Michael P. Maguire to Catherine Siena McKay of Newburyport, Mass., land and building at 28 Ridge Road. \$300,000, Dec. 19, 2012.
Savage Land Development, LLC. To Forget Development, LLC of Los Altos, Ca., Lot 29 at Timber Creek Subdivision/ Homestead Lane. \$47,500, Dec. 21, 2012.
Sherry L. and Michael D. Hyman to Bonnie and Michael Patipa of North Palm Beach, Fl., Lot 1 at Wilson's Ripps Subdivision. \$40,000, Dec. 28, 2012.
Carol D. Goodwin to Bonnie and Michael Patipa of North Palm Beach, Fl., Lot 2 at Wilson's Ripps Subdivision. \$35,000, Dec. 31, 2012.
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land and building at 31 East Bethel Road. \$48,000, Sep. 9, 2012.
Lloyd L. Poland to Walnut Harvest, LLC of Brookline, Mass., land at Route 219, \$335,500, Jan. 4, 2013.
Snowfields Management, LLC to Steven Dutton of West Bath, property at Map U9 Lot 17 off Howe Hill Road. \$5,000, Jan. 7, 2013.
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Barry L. and Lynn E. Wight to Courtney V. Bain of Lewiston, Unit B201 at White Cap Condominiums. \$108,000, Dec. 28, 2013.
David A. Woodhead to John L. Hurlbut, Jr. of Auburn, property at 20 Deer Run Road. \$181,000, Dec. 28, 2012.
Tempest Development, LLC to Stuart Abelson of Gloucester, Mass., condominium at 20 Parrot Drive. \$550,000, Dec. 31, 2012.
Warren J. Miskell and Harriet Burgoon-Miskell to Alfred and Annemarie R. Sormanti of North Smithfield R.I., condominium at 8 Fall Line Drive. \$120,000, Jan. 4, 2013.
Anabet Lussier to Christine Tattlie of Newry, condominium at 372 Skiway Road. \$45,000, Jan. 9, 2013.
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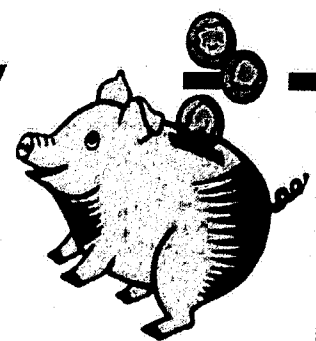
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Obituaries



LUBA J. BARKER

There's a little less sunshine in the world today as our beloved Luba Jillson Barker enters eternal rest with our Heavenly Father on March 26, 2013; she'll be greeted by many family members and countless friends.

Luba fought a long battle with Parkinson's Disease, despite this, she always enjoyed life, family and friends. She was a giver and would do anything for anyone and never had a bad word to say about anyone. She always found the good in everyone.

With her positive attitude and strong will, you'd always find her on the go rather it be cooking, cleaning, and gardening. She would welcome one and all into her home day or night.

Luba was born July 8, 1937 in Otisfield, Maine, daughter of Edward and Florence (Gustus) Jillson. She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Herbert Barker, and her children's father, Charles Tice of DeKalb, Texas; her loving sons and spouses: Dana and Kathy Tice of South Paris, Maine; Gary and Sandy Tice of Citrus Heights, Calif.; daughter, Faye and Raymond Pinette of Tucson, Ariz. Also her loving stepchildren, whom are thought and loved as if they were her own: Jocelyn and Dwayne Heath of Albany, Maine; Christine and Rick Libby of Mansfield, Ohio; Elaine and Terry Wegerer of Leesburg, Texas; Bonnie and Rick Sessions of West Paris, Maine; Lisa and Frank Surrence of South Paris, Maine; Joel and Yvette of Alaska; Brent Barker of Lewiston, ME. She has many grandchildren and many Great-grandchildren.

dren that she loved so very much. She is also survived by her sister, Sonja Ferguson and Don Millett of San Deigo, Calif.; brother, Kirt Heaward and Lisa Lenahan; Stepbrothers: Tommy and Linda Heaward of Oxford, Maine; Larry and Debbi Heaward, Melbourne, Fla.; Stepsisters, Joanne Knightly of Oxford; Gloria and Norm Chicoine of Oxford and Jeanette Netzel of New Hampshire; and her remaining Aunt Shirley Pollis, Anson, Maine. Luba had many nieces and nephews, cousins and second cousins and enormous amount of friends.

Luba was a wonderful person, wife, mother, and friend to all. A very hard worker, she retired from Oxford Hills High School where she worked in the cafeteria.

She had various jobs over the years, starting with Beans Restaurant, Avon Lady, and Oxford Woolen Mill. She owned and operated Barker's Boarding Home caring for mentally disabled adults for many years. She loved to go to yard sales, flea markets and thrift stores to find the deals and never turned down a trip for ice cream. She spent many wonderful years with her husband, Herbert, riding motorcycles and camping all over the US and Canada. They made many trips to Alaska on motorcycles and enjoyed traveling. They spent many years as snow birds in Florida living in Holiday and Oak Hill.

The mold was broken when God made her, she is loved by so many and will be greatly missed. She has gone to be with her parents; and sisters: Gloria Adams; Janice Lewis; and stepbrothers: Kenny Heaward; Billy Heaward and Paul Heaward, along with so many great friends like Donna and Alvin Gross and Connie Jewell, to name a few.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to her caregiver of many months, Wendie Clements, who kept her going and was able

to help her to enjoy these months. She has been a total God Send for all of us. Thank you to Androscoggin Home Health and Hospice service, a special thanks to Tammy Bean and Pam Hertel for their compassion and care that they gave to our Mother.

Memorial services were held at the Kingdom Hall in Norway on Wednesday, April 3.

Burial will be held this summer at Elm Wood Cemetery in Otisfield, at a time to be announced.

ESTHER C. BAILEY

Esther C. Bailey, age 76, of Ozark, Missouri, passed away Thursday, March 28, 2013 in Ozarks Community Hospital, Springfield.

She was born April 27, 1936, the daughter of Charles and Hazel (Smith) Cary.

Esther was a long-time employee of Wal-Mart where she worked as a claims clerk. She was multi-talented with cross stitch, sewing and also enjoyed crossword puzzles and scrapbooking.

Esther was a veteran and proudly served her country as a member of the United States Air Force.

Esther is survived by her daughter, Karen Nichols and husband Doug of St. Charles; two sons, Kenneth Bailey and wife Karen of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Bryan Bailey and wife Sharon of Sherwood, Ariz.; three sisters, Rebecca Keen, Margaret Holden and Priscilla Cary; two brothers, Rodney and Paul Cary; several other caring relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Beverly; and two brothers, Robert and Randall.

Graveside funeral services were held Tuesday, April 2, in Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Springfield, with full military honors.

Condolences may be shared at www.barnes-familyfunerals.com.

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'The other side of the coin'

Sandy was ill only once. Big Jim was just back from a clinic at Cornell. He dosed him and waited. B.B. and I took turns walking him up and down the road, to the edge of the woods and back. Over and over again we dragged him. Finally his eyes brightened, he offered to snatch a bit of grass. Big Jim went home. At eleven p.m. it was safe to put him back in the barn. It was a warm moonlit night so not too onerous a chore. Next morning he was as well as ever.

Kineo was a black quarter horse named for our iron stove. He became the pasture boss. One fall day he did not race to the gate to be let out first, but came slowly, stumbled a bit before he got to the barn. We looked him over, only found a tiny wound under his chin and this was not bleeding, but his eyes were dull and he staggered about. We gave him a little hot mash which he ate, blanketed him, and by urging got him to drink two pails of warm water.

He stood a bit more securely now so we went out to check the field. We found no cause of his tiny wound but the field was covered with pools of blood, enough carnage for a civil war battlefield. We decided to call Big Jim but he was away for the night. We didn't know if horses were ever given blood transfusions or not, but there was nothing we could do but keep urging him to drink warm water. By bedtime he had eaten a wee bit of hay, always a good sign, and his eyes were brighter. We left him alone until morning.

Big Jim came early, said the tiny cut was in his jugular vein. His blood pressure had gone so low from loss of blood that this had stopped the bleeding. We kept him in the barn for one day. The second day he called so fiercely to go out with the others that we decided to try him. The minute his halter dropped he wheeled and galloped to the far end of the field. We watched him. He ran no more this day, but the day after he was his normal self, again the boss. Oh, that humans could recover that rapidly!

Pat became a proficient rider and finally bought an Arab that she named Pagliachi for his coloring. Princess was now over twenty but a fine mount for the children to use learning to ride. They made dooryard calls.

Princess stood stolidly and waited with a wee girl on her back. One day I heard a lot of commotion opposite the vegetable garden, went to check, heard Pat telling Jennifer to stop crying, that she was all right. Soon they appeared. Jenny, aged six, had been riding ahead. Cannonball, the black retriever, had stirred up a hornet's nest. Princess had been stung and had broken into a gallop. Pat had followed fast with no stings but Jenny was scared and still sobbing. I praised her for not falling off, suggested she dismount, walk on to the kitchen and get some cold water for her eyes; I would lead Princess in. Pat and I had a quick dooryard chat. Soon Jenny appeared all smiles and beaming in her new role as heroine. Off they went, home down the road.

Patti, aged five, never wept, but she did not like to ride with box stirrups, wanted irons. She fell off occasionally due to inattention. One day she lost her seat going around a sharp turn, her left foot went through the iron and she lost her reins. She grabbed Princess by the hind leg to be sure that she stopped and stayed there hanging until rescued. After that Pat followed B.B.'s advice and insisted on the other stirrups.

Births

Brianna Tuominen and Kevin Newton of Woodstock are pleased to announce the birth of a baby girl, Maggie Mae Newton, born on March 29, 2013, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Bruce and Velora Tuominen of North Norway.

Paternal grandparents are Richard and Trudy Newton of Norway.

Maggie Mae joins her brother, Sawyer, age 18 months.

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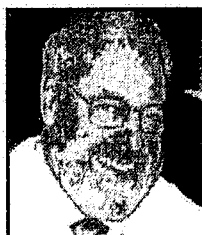
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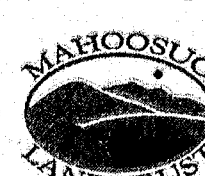


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